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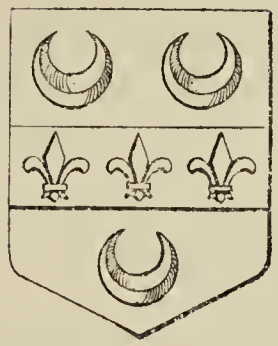

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A.D. 1216.

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This record is the result of many years' hard work. Neglect to enter up descents in the past makes the task more difficult.

When we search the records of the 15th and 16th centuries, the difficulties are increased by the lack of birth control shown in those days, and the redundancy of favourite Christian names, such as William and John.

There are several Pedigrees in existence in connection with the OCKLEY, OKELEY, OAKELEY family.

The first is that recorded in the Visitation of Shropshire, 1623 (from the Visitation of 1584).

This is not confirmed by the other pedigrees, nor substantiated by the Feet of Fines, nor by the Lay Subsidy Rolls.

It is impossible to say where the error lies, but it seems probable there is one. Possibly it is the record of another branch; possibly someone, claiming the property, and taking advantage of the absence of the real owner, entered it up. But it does not appear so well established as are the following, viz.:

Harleian MS. 1982
" " 1984
" " 2152
and the Penarth MS. 282 E.

They confirm each other in the main details, and are supported by entries from other sources.

At present the OKELEY'S of Norton in Hales cannot be connected up, nor can WILLIAM OKELEY of Ludlow, " the King's enemy and rebel."

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Offshoots from the main branch were the OAKLEYS of Pontesbury and Stapleton (the Moat), in all probability.

A branch held Snakescroft (Bishops Castle) from early times: it is now represented by the Bagnall-Oakeleys, late of Lydart (Mon.).

The following can be claimed as ancestors:

British. Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror, Henry I, II, and III, John, Edward I, II, III, IV, and Henry VII.

Scotch. Duncan I, Malcolm III, Robert the Bruce, King James IV, etc.

French. Hugh Capet, Louis VI, St. Louis (IX), Charlotte de la Tremouille.

Spanish. Cid Ruy Diaz, Ferdinand III, etc.

Italian. The Visconti of Milan.

Dutch. William the Silent.

Greek. Andronicus Palaeogus II, Emperor of Constantinople, Isaac II, as well as the Emperor Charlemagne, Barbarossa, and Rudolph of Hapsburg.

But, as dear Dr. Beddoe once said to me, scrutinizing my head:

" Well, I think the Anglo-Saxon has come through it all!! "

EDWARD FRANCIS OAKELEY (Major).

EARLY HISTORY. A.D. 1200

Our first extract is from Eyton's *Shropshire*, vol. v, p. 222.

Whether this OAKLEY was the one south of Broomfield (N.W. of Ludlow), now represented by OAKLEY PARK; or whether it was the OAKELEY, BISHOP'S CASTLE, it is hard to say.

It will be noticed that in 1221 Adam de Halton was Lord of OAKELEY, near LYDHAM, as well as of OAKLEY (by Broomfield).

The Haltons held OAKLEY. The under tenants were:

(i) PAGAN DE ACLEY

who attested a deed of the 12th century. The same or another PAGAN DE ACLE sued Adam de Halton in 1221 for disseizing him of common pasture in Acle. He was non-suited, and Roger de Butterli stood surety for his amercement [Assizes, 6 Hen. III, mem. 5]. At these Assizes HAWISE DE ACLE, wife of William the Porter of Bromfield was found to have been murdered by Philip de Venur. [Eyton, v, 223.] In 1228 PAGAN DE ACLE fines for licence to accord some lawsuit [Assizes, Hen. III, mem. 5]. His successor appears to have been

(ii) ADAM DE OAKLEY

who was deceased before May 1259, when

(iii) RICHARD, son of ADAM DE OCLEE

takes out a writ of mort d'ancestre against Simon de Halton for a tenement in OCLEE. [Patent, 43, 44, 45, Hen. III.] The result is not recorded, but

we find the same Richard fitzAdam taking out similar writs in November 1259 and February 1261.

Again, in the Easter term 1260. [Coram Rege Roll, Easter, 44, Hen. III, mem. 1.]

GEVA, widow of ADAM DE OKELEY
sues Simon de Halton—(Haleghton) for her dower, viz. $\frac{1}{3}$ of a messuage, and seven acres in OKELEY. Simon pleaded the deceased was his villain, but the jury found him to have been a free tenant, so Geva recovered her dower.

[Plac. Pasc. Term, 44, Hen. III, mem. 1, Coram Rege Roll.]

HALECTON ET OKELEYE Simon de Halecton tenet Villam de Halecton et OKELEYE de Edmundo de Mortuo Mari pro di f: et idem Edmundus de Rege, i.e. Salop Hundredum de Monselowe.

[*Feudal Aids*, vol. iv, 1284-1285.]

OAKELEY near Lydham. Rinlaw hundred. 1221 Adam de Halton was Lord of this Vill as well as of OAKLEY.

[Domesday.]

WILLIAM FITZROGER and Madoc fitzLlewellyn held Aclich in 1255, under the Bishop of Hereford by a rent of 2/8 a year and by doing suit to the Castle Manor House.

[*Rot. Hund.*, ii, p. 78, Hundred of Posselawe.]

Other information connected with the early history of the family follows.

WILLIAM DE PLADEN sued by Henry Fitzroger in 1203 for 4 acres of land, and one acre of box in Pladen; William de Pladen's defence (he being sick) was taken by visors, Walter de Mineton, Osbert Purcel, and STEPHEN DE ACLE.

[Eyton's *Shropshire*, vol. xi, p. 220, 222.]

Eyton says: "STEPHEN DE ACLEY, who occurs in connection with PLOWDEN in 1203, possibly took his name from OKLEY, BISHOPS CASTLE, and may have been the ancestor of the later Lords of OAKLEY."

If so, he had a contemporary of the same name, but whom I only find concerned in the North-Eastern extreme of the country.

"An ancient family, descended from Philip, who in the reign of Henry III (1216-1262) was LORD OF OAKELEY, in the parish of Bishops Castle, from whence he assumed his name, and which has ever since been the inheritance of his descendants. See Blakeway, p. 132, 173, and Morris MSS. These arms are, with those of the Plowdens and the families of the vicinity, allusive to the services of ancestors, who fought under the banners of the great suzerains of the district, the Fitzalans, in the Crusades, and the battlefields of France."

[Shirley's *Noble and Gentlemen of England*, pub. 1859.]

"ROGER DE PLOWDEN was at the siege of Acre. His arms ("*azure a fesse dancette or*") were, for some act of gallantry, augmented by two fleur-de-lys. Or it was due to the favour of Philip of France.

If he were present he went as a Vassal of William de Vere, Bishop of Hereford.

Such will be the more romantic view of the heraldic question. A non-believer may be inclined to trace the Lilies of Plowden, as well as those borne by the Walcots of Walcot, and the OKELEYS of OKELEY, to a common and less antiquated source.

The mitred Barons who sat enthroned in Hereford Cathedral were the suzerains of Plowden, Walcot, and OAKELEY, and the arms of these prelates were charged with fleur-de-lys—hence, perhaps, the arms."

[Eyton, xi, 219, 222.]

In A.D. 1292 ROBERT, clerk of OCLEE, sat as 8th Juror for the Purslow Hundred.

[Eyton, xi, 260.]

EARLY HISTORY OF BISHOPS CASTLE AND DISTRICT.

LIDUM. Saxon owner Edric Salvage. Domesday tenant in capite Rogerius Comes. *Features.* Praepositus: Presbyter: Molinum: Silva.

[Domesday, folio 253-61.]

LYDEBURY NORTH, 18,000 acres was originally given to the See of Hereford by a Saxon Nobleman, Edwin Shakehead, in the reign of King Offa, in gratitude for his cure from palsy, wrought at the shrine of St. Ethelbert: confiscated by Queen Elizabeth.

[Eyton, xi, 194.]

BISHOPS CASTLE was founded A.D. 1078 to defend the Bishop of Hereford's Manor of Lydbury against the Welsh: then it was called Lydbury Castle. The Bishop of Hereford, under orders took up his abode in April 1263 at the Castle of Ledesbury North to defend the march against the Welsh, under Prince Edward. Three months later Bishops Castle was stormed by John Fitzalan, Lord of Arundel—he retained possession of it for 16 weeks, and wrought havoc on the whole manor.

[Shropshire Lay Subsidy Rolls.]

In A.D. 1255 Bishops Castle and Snellescroft were estimated at one hide.

[Eyton, xi, 204.]

It was just three months after the Battle of Northampton, viz. on July 5, 1263, that Bishops Castle was stormed by John Fitzalan, Lord of Arundel.

The Constable was slain and the Baron retained possession of the Fortress for 16 weeks.

[Eyton, xi, 205.]

The Hundred of Purslow (Henry I, A.D. 1100-1135) fairly represented the Domesday Hundred of Ruilau.

"In 1290 Bishop Swinfield spent four days at Bishops Castle. In 1360 John Atwood was Constable of the Castle. Roger de Plowden fell in the capture of Acre, in the 1189 Crusade: in 1270 Hamo le Strange, Lord of Stretton, went on crusade."

[*Memorials of Old Shropshire,* Rev. T. Auden.]

"TEMPUS WILLIAM Ist, WILLIAM FITZOSBERN was left as Regent by William Ist, and made Earl of Hereford.

A friend and kinsman of William the Ist was Roger de Montgomery, "Earl Roger," created, first, Earl of Arundel, and then Earl of Shrewsbury. He married (i) Mabel de Belesme, (ii) Adeliza de Puiset: founded the Cluniac Priory of Wenlock: died A.D. 1094. He was the owner, or, strictly, tenant in capite, of all but a very few manors, which belonged to the Bishop of Chester, and Ralph de Mortimer.

The Reign of Henry I was disturbed by the rebellion of Robert de Belesme, eldest son of Roger de Montgomery by Mabel de Belesme. He espoused the cause of Robert Curthose on the death of William Rufus, but failed.

HENRY II. Hugh de Mortimer, who held castles in Cleobury Mortimer, Bridgenorth and Wigmore rebelled but was conquered.

EDWARD I, Llewelyn ap Gruffyd, supported Simon de Montford in rebellion.

LUDLOW CASTLE. Probably built by ROGER DE LACY just after the Domesday Book: in 1260 Geoffrey de Genevile was Lord of Ludlow.

OSWESTRY. In 1160 William Fitzalan died Lord of Oswestry.

In 1258 John Fitzalan was Lord of Oswestry.

In 1294 Oswestry was taken by the Welsh Prince Madoc.

In 1302 Oswestry Castle is said to have been of no value to Richard Earl of Arundel.

CLUN. The Barons of Oswestry were Lords of Clun. The Manor of Clun was important in Saxon times: under Edward the Confessor it was worth £25 per annum to its Lord, Edric Sylvaticus. Conferred by William the Conqueror on Picot de Say. In the latter half of the 12th century Isabella de Say, Lady of Clun, gave the Church and Chapels to Wenlock Priory. (She was niece of Robert Earl of Gloucester, and wife to William son of Alan son of Fleance son of Banquo.)

CASTLE OF CLUN. In 1160 was held by William Fitzalan, who married Isabella, heiress of the de Says: it was burnt by the Welsh 1195. Isabella's son, William Fitzalan, in 1204 received a grant from King John of a three days fair.

1272. Richard Fitzalan, a minor.

1326. Edmund, Earl of Arundel, confirmed to his burgesses of Clun all privileges, and pardoned them for having sworn fealty to Roger de Mortimer.

RUYTON. In 1311 Edmund, Earl of Arundel, had a grant from Edward II for a market.

STRETTON. Given by Edward III, 1336, to Richard, Earl of Arundel.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER. 1266. Roger de Mortimer. The third Roger de Mortimer became, through his wife, Lord of Ludlow.

WEM. 1086 was head of the Barony of William Pantulf. Succeeded by his son Robert Pantulf, continued to be Lords of Wem till 1233. Their heiress married Ralph le Botyler, who died 1281: Ralph's widow,

Matilda Pantulf, married as her second husband, Walter de Hopton, and he had in 1286, by charter of Henry II, a market and fair at Wem."

Leaving the district of Bishops Castle we have a document, relating to the marriage of Alice Cotgreave to ROBERT OCKLEY or OAKLEY, Salop. There is no doubt that this was a forgery of William Sydney Spence, Vide *Genealogist Magazine*, Sept. 1933 (Vol. vi, No. 7), "Cotgreave Pedigree Forgeries," by R. Stewart Browne.

The following is an exact copy:

"Ye annexed was copied by that learned antiquary William Camden in year 1598 from documents in ye possession of ye ancient and knightly family of ye Breretons of Brereton Hall in ye Countie of Chester, Sir William Brereton having married Ellinor dau and coheire of Roger Cotgreave Esquire de Malpas in ye yeare 1361"—signed Randle Holmes Chester, August 16th 1672.

"ROGER COTGREAVE, Lord of Hargreave Tarvin Tatenhall and Guilden Sutton in ye Countie Palatine of Chester living ye 30th of Henry VI" (A.D. 1452) "lineally descended from Thomas de Cotgreave 2nd son of William de Bilward Baron of Malpas by his wife Mabilia dau and coheir of Robert Fitzhugh Baron of Malpas in ye aforesaid Countie, which Robert was nephew to Hugh Lupus ye 1st Norman Earl of Chester temp. William ye Conqueror, ye above Roger married Ellinor dau of Sir Edmund ? Gamul? of ye Countie of Chester Knt and had issue: Hugh his heire and Alice who espoused ROBERT OCKLEY or OAKLEY DE OAKLEY in ye countie of Salop, son and heire of ROWLAND OCKLEY DE OCKLEY by his wife Matilda dau of Sir Edmund Winstanley of Winstanley in ye Countie of Lancaster Knt, which Rowland was son and heire of SIR RALPH DE OCKLEY living ye 10th. of Edward IInd" (A.D. 1317) "by his wife Ursula dau. of Sir Mathew ap Ellis of Trevor Overleigh near ye citie of Chester Knt lineally descended from Mathew ap Ellis ap Dis ap Griffith ap Kenrick-Sais, which Kenrick-Sais was himself descended from Tudor Trevor Earl of Hereford living in ye year 924, he married Auglarad, or Gladeesia dau of Howell DDA, King of South Wales A.D. 907. Ye aforesaid SIR RALPH DE OCKLEY fought in ye van of ye English Army commanded by Lord Audleye under Edward ye Black Prince at ye Battle of Poictiers."

"Definition of the armorial bearings relative to the OAKELEY family as emblazoned in the Cotgreave Pedigree.

First Shield. *Quarterly* first *Argent on a fesse between three crescents gules as many fleurs-de-lys or*, for OAKELEY.

Second. *Azure a chief and three chevronells in base or*, for Fitzhugh Baron of Malpas.

Third. *Quarterly or and gules a bend sable* for Malbace Baron of Nampt-wick in the Co. of Chester, temp. William Rufus.

Fourth. *Or a cross fleury azure* for William de Belward Baron of Malpas *impaling gules a fesse indented erminois between three bugle horns or stringed argent* for Cotgreave.

Second Shield. *With quarterings as before impaling or two bars azure in chief three crosses patée gules* for Winstanley.

Third Shield. *As before impaling quarterly first and fourth. Party par bend sinister ermine and ermines a lion rampant countercharge* for Trevor Earl of Hereford *second and third Ermine a lion rampant sable* for Ellis."

" This is to certify that the above was extracted from a Pedigree now in my possession of the Cotgreaves of Hargreave in the Co. of Chester, which family my husband the late Sir John Cotgreave of Netherleigh House near Chester represented. Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of September 1842 (sd.) Harriet Cotgreave."

" Copied by me from original document which I now hand over to my brother SIR CHARLES W. A. OAKELEY, having had it in my possession since my Father's death 1845.

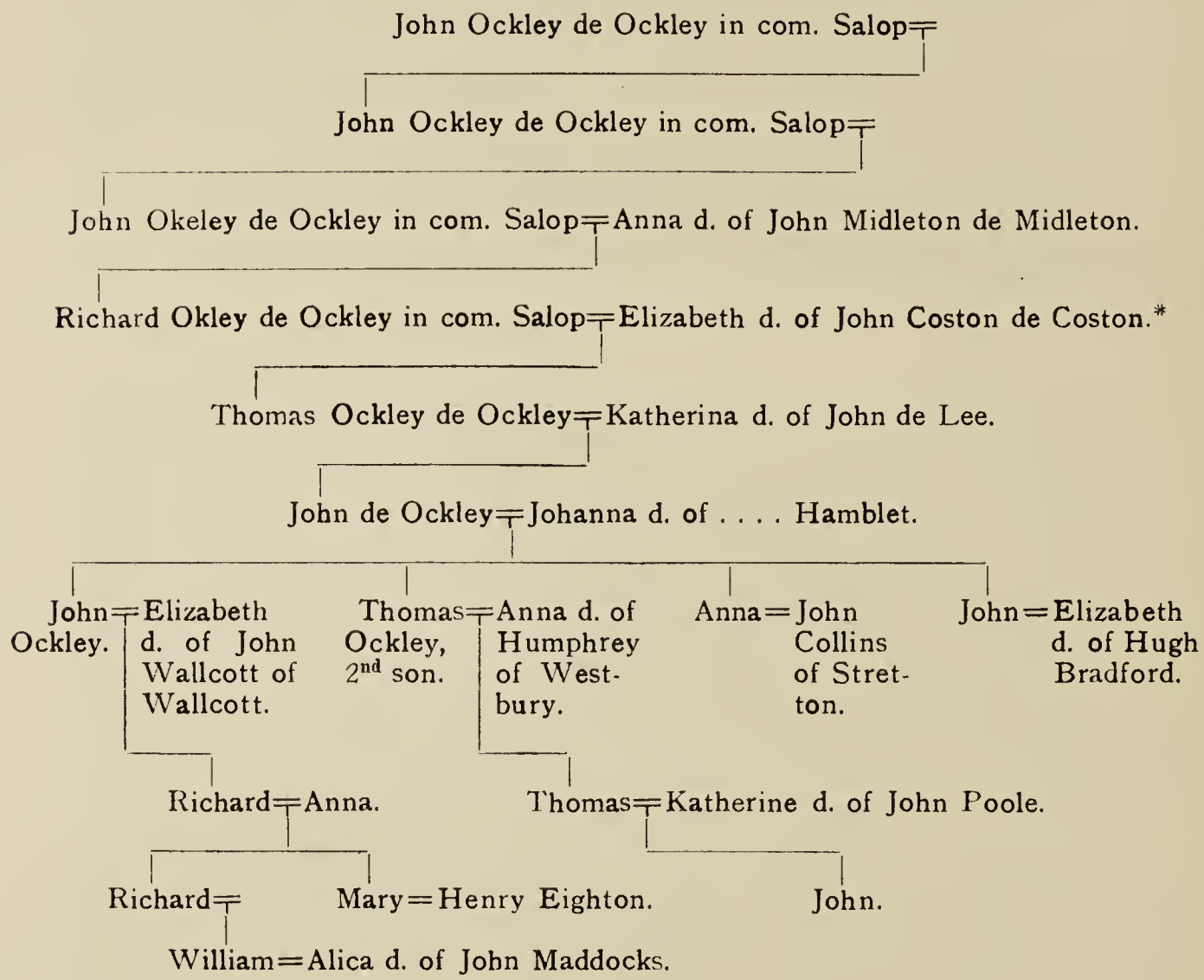
(sd.) C. M. A. DRUMMOND, Sept. 15, 1866."

The following are the records of the OAKELEY pedigrees: the first is taken from the Heralds Visitation of Shropshire 1623. It has not proved possible to link this up with the later pedigree, nor has any confirmation been discovered of the marriages. The Lay subsidy rolls throw no light upon it, and the Wallcott marriage is not shown in the Wallcott pedigree.

The three pedigrees from the Harleian MS. although not accepted by the Heralds College seem to confirm each other in the main details, and two of them give the children of Rowland correctly. The Lay Subsidy Rolls agree with them to a great extent, and the Marston marriage is confirmed by the Marston pedigree. Edward's will, proved at Hereford, 1550 (now lost, but seen and recorded by the Rev. F. C. Norton), gives the two sons correctly (Andrew and John), while at Lydbury North, in the Register, wherein are recorded the births of Rowland's children, and the burial of his Mother, Alice, we find, under 1592, the burial of John: it is probable that this is Rowland's Father, and the husband of Alice. It is also confirmed by the Will of Humphrey Yopp, 1564, which mentions his wife Alice, his son John, his daughter Alice, and " JOHN OCCLEY grandfather of the children."

The Peniarth MS. also confirms the other three to a certain extent.

Visitation of Shropshire 1623, from Visitation 1584, Harleian Society. OCKLEY OF OAKLEY, near BISHOPS CASTLE, 1396, fo. 248 b, 8 fo. 226 a. Arms, Harleian, 1396: *Argent, on a fesse between* 3 *crescents gules as many fleurs-de-lis or.*



A John Maddocks is mentioned in Bryan Crowther's will, p. 125.

* A John de Coston is mentioned, who held under Walter de Hopton, in the Fine Roll of 10 Edw. II (1317).

The heralds in their visitations have found these persons whose names are under written presumptuously, without any good ground or authority to have usurped the names and title of Gentleman contrary to all right and to the ancient Custome of this Land and the Usage of Law of Arms, which name and title they are from henceforth no more to use or take upon them upon such further paine and perill as by the Right Honble. the Earl Marshall of England shall be inflicted and laid upon them.

Ninety two names follow: among them

" ROBERT OCKLEY of OCKLEY, No gent "

This and two other of the names occur in the MS. " Pedigree for these names appear, and there is nothing to show that the arms were a later addition to our MSS." [Note, p. xxvij.]

[Possibly Robert of Snakescroft.]

[Harleian, vol. 28-29 (1889), Visitation of Shropshire 1623, with additions from Visitations of 1569, 1584, and other sources, vol. 28, p. 3, Disclaimers 1623.]

The last Visitation was taken in 1663-4 and the only MS. is C. 35 in the College of Arms. It has never been printed, but a MS. in the British Museum (Additional MS. 21,025) professes to give a list of " the names of the gentry of Shropshire as they are entered in the Visitation of that County made in Anno 1663 by Willm. Dugdale, Esq. Norroy King of Arms " . . . N.p. is prefixed to 23 families, this means " nulla probatio," the parties had not proved their right to bear arms, to Dugdale's satisfaction. Amongst these families occur the names of . . . OAKELEY of OAKLEY. To no less than 45 names " n.i. " is prefixed meaning " nulla insignia," Dugdale boldly proclaiming they were not entitled to bear arms at all. . . . Many of these names marked with " n.p. " or " n.i. " present a difficulty, for in some cases arms disallowed in 1663-4 seem to have been allowed by the Heralds at the earlier Visitations, and it is not easy to see why they were disallowed at the last Visitation.

Such was the case with . . . OAKELEY . . . I can only conjecture that they did not attend Dugdale's summons, or they refused to pay him his fees.

[Shrop. Arch. Transactions, vol. ix, p. 379.]

OCKLEY or OKELEY

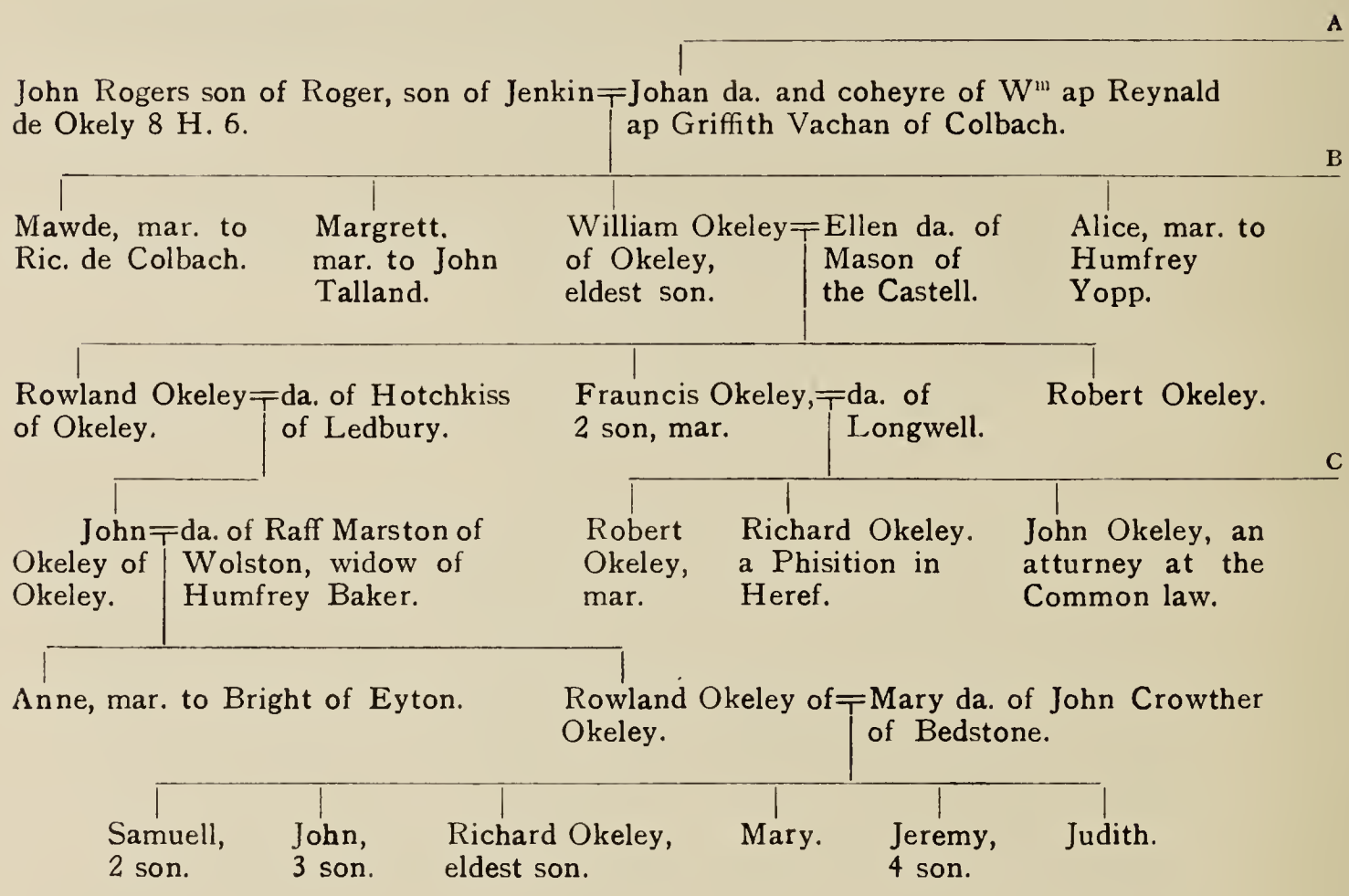
Arg. on fefs between 3 *crescents as many fleur de lis* Confirmed to RICHARD OCKLEY, 8th in descent from JOHN OCKLEY DE OCKLEY. Heralds Visitation."

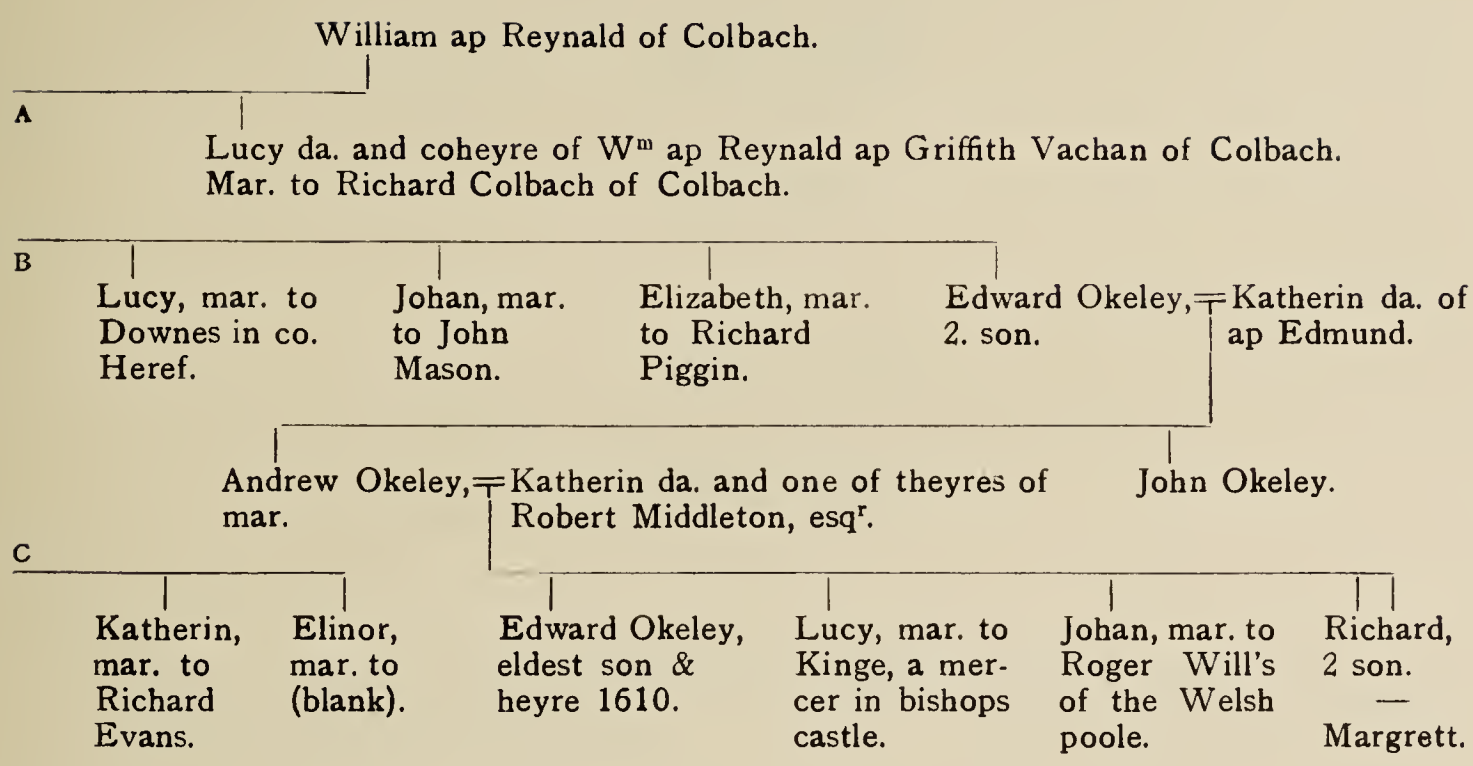
[*Shropshire Arms and Lineages*, by the Rev. Frederick Kittermaster, sometime Vicar of Edgton: published by W. Macintosh, Paternoster Row, London.]

The OAKELEY Arms were finally granted in 1790.

[Vol. xvii, page or folio 221, College of Arms]

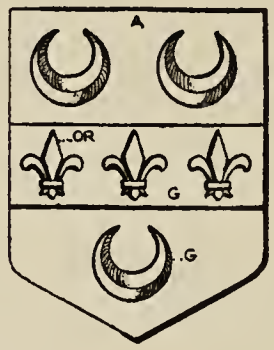
Harleian MS. 1984. "A Collection of the Descents of Shropshire Gentry registered by the hands of SIR HENRY ST. GEORGE (perhaps then but Richmond Herald), MR. THOMAS KNIGHT (Chester Herald) and other officers of Armes," fo. 189 b, etc. (catalogue entry), fo. 251 b.





Printed description in British Museum Catalogue of Harl. MS. 1984. A larger collection of the Descents of the Shropshire Gentry. Registered by the Hands of Sir Henry St. George (perhaps then but Richmond Herald), Mr. Thomas Knight (Chester Herald), and other officers of Armes as it seems. I have heard that there was a Visitation of this County by Thomas Chaloner, A.D. 1593: and that there was another taken by Robert Treswell Somerset and Augustine Vincent Rouge Croix, about 1623, but suppose not these Descents to have been registered at either of those Times. Nevertheless, these Papers seem to be originals and Thomas Knight's Letter C upon most of them shew that they have been copied from thence, and entred into some other Book. The others may have been added since.

Harleian MS. 2152, fo. 133.



Jenkin de Okeley.

Roger de Okeley.

this John . . ogers is testes . . (t)o a deede of Jo^y (C)olbach 8 H. 6.

John de Okeley = Johan daughter & coheyre of Willm̃ ap Reynald of Colbache & sister to Lucy the wife of Richard Colbach. (A)

Edward Okeley = Katherine da. of ap Edmund. 2 sonne, mar.

Mawd, mar̃ to Rice de Whittcote.

Willãm Okeley = Elen daughter of .... Mason of the Castle, mar: (B)

Andrew Okeley = Katherine daught^r & one of theyres of Robert Midlton, esq^r. mar.

John Okeley.

Rowland Okeley = daughter of Hotchkiss of Ledbury. of Okeley, mar: (C)

Lucy, mar: to Kinge, a mercer in Bishops Castell.

Johan, mar: to Roger Willãs in the Welsh Poole.

Edward Okeley, eldest son, bayliff of the bishops Castell in a° 1612.

Richard Okeley, 2 son. — Margrett Okeley.

John Okeley of Okeley, maried. = daughter of Raphe Marston of Woolston and widow of Hũfrey Baker.

Constantin, eldest sonne.

Andrew, 2 sonne.

Rowland Okeley of Okeley. = Mary daughter of John Crowther of Bedsonn.

Anne, mar: to Bright of Eyton.

Richard Okeley, eldest son.

Samuell Okeley, 2 sonne.

John, 3 son.

Jeremy, 4 sonne.

Judith Martha.

Mary.

Howell.
|
Jevan.
|
David Hyr.
|
Griffith Vachan of Colebach.
|
Reynald.
|
William ap Reynald.
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A
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Lucy da. & coheyre, mar : to Richard Colbach.

B

Margrett, mar : to John Talland.	Alice, mar : to Humfrey Yapp.	Lucy, mar. to Downe of Hereff.	Elizabeth, mar : to Richard Piggin.	Johan, mar : to John Mason.

C

Robert Okeley.	Francis Okeley, mar : = daughter of John Longwell.

Richard Okeley, a phisition in Hereff.	John Okeley, an attorney.	Robert = Okeley.	Katherin, mar : to Richard Evans of Kerry.	Elinor, mar : to

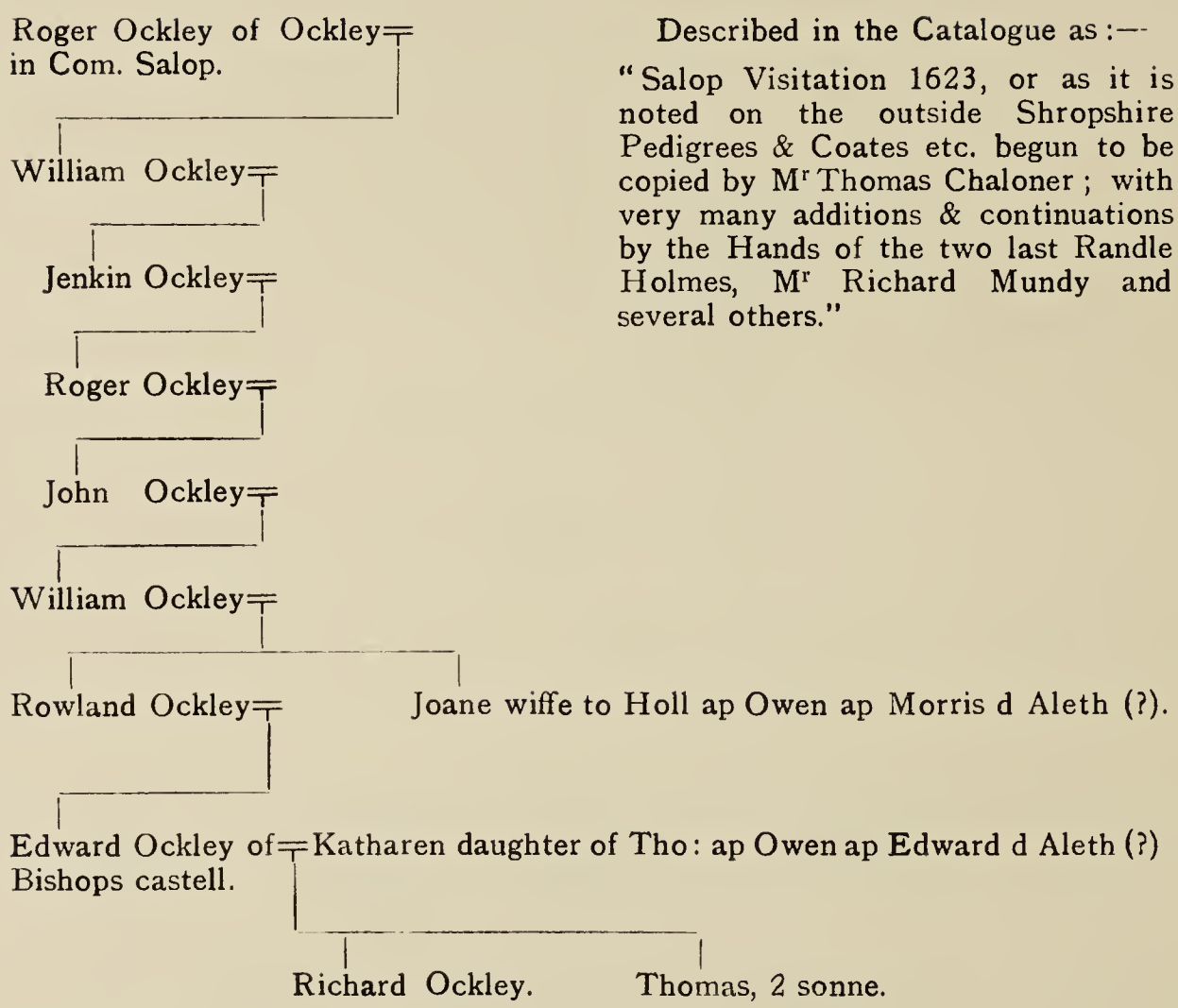
Described in the Catalogue as " a Heraldic Book in folio written in divers hands and (by the third Randle Holme). On the back entitled ' Pedigrees . . . a Collection of Pedigrees both Welsh and English, though seeming to have been written by a Welshman . . . An alphabetical table by Randle Holmes made 1669.' " On the back of binding " Miscellaneous Pedigrees and coats collected by R. Holme." The OKELEY pedigree is not in Randle Holme's hand It appears to be the original.

Harleian MS. 1982, fo. 38b.

OCKLEY OF BISHOPES CASTELL.

Described in the Catalogue as :—

"Salop Visitation 1623, or as it is noted on the outside Shropshire Pedigrees & Coates etc. begun to be copied by Mr Thomas Chaloner ; with very many additions & continuations by the Hands of the two last Randle Holmes, Mr Richard Mundy and several others."



The following extract is from De Banco Roll 485, Easter Term, 5 Rich. II (A.D 1381), mem. 381 recto.

"Salop. John de Lee complains that ROBERT DE OCKELEYE, John de Mokhale, William son of William de Astanton, William Hodde, and ROGER son of ROBERT DE OCKELEYE, at Lee near Bisshopescastell attacked and wounded him, and trampled and destroyed grass there growing where certain beasts were pastured; to the value of forty shillings, and attacked and wounded his men and servants there. The defendants do not come, and the sheriff is ordered to distrain on their lands, and to have their bodies here in fifteen days from Trinity. Defendants again fail to appear. The said Robert's chattels distrained to the value of twelvepence. Ordered to appear in fifteen days from Michaelmas."

Pedigree from Eyton, pp. 2-3.

Pagan de Acley, 1190, 1221, 1228.
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Adam de Oakley, deceased before May 1259; married Geva.
|
Richard de Oclee, 1259.

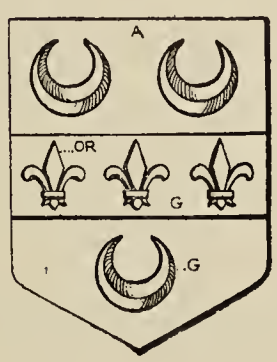
ROBERT DE OKLEY is one of the witnesses to a grant of land in Burghton.

(Broughton, just north of B. C.) Charters No. 40809, 4 Edw. III (A.D. 1330).]

Heralds College, C. 35, fo. 96.

Purslow Hundred. Bridgnorth, 6 Sept. 1664.

OAKELEY OF OAKELEY.



Certified by Will[m] Oakeley Esq.

Respite given for proofe of these Armes but no proofe made.

Rowland Oakeley of Oakeley in Com. Salop. = Mary daughter to William Crowther of Betson in Shropsh.

- 4 Jeremy a Divine
- 3 John Oakeley of the Citty of Westm[r].
- John, a merchant in London.

- Margaret da of . . . . Wormall, 2 wife. = Richard Oakeley of Oakeley in Com. Salop, died in anno 1652 vel circa. = Mary, sister of John Combes of Grays Inn in Com. Midd.
  - A
- 1 Judith, wife of Maurice Tanner of Bishops Castle.
- 2 Mary, wife to Rowl. Oakeley of Pentrenant in Com. Montg.
- 3 Martha, wife of John Ambler, clerk.

A

5 Anne.

4 Judith, wife to Edw. Herbert of .... in Com. Merioneth.

3 Margaret, wife to Tho Crump of Ludlow, Esq.

2 Mary, wife to John Newton of Heighley in Com. Salop.

1 Martha, wife to Rich. Owen of Rhusayson in Com. Montgomery, Esq.

William Oakeley of Oakeley, Esq., now one of his Maties Justices of the Peace in Com. Salop, æt. 32 an 6 Sepr. a° 1664. = Mary, 2nd dau. to Walter Waring of Owlbury in Com. Salop, Esq.

2 Rowland Oakeley, a merchant in Hamborough.

Peniarth MS. 282, p. 274. Nat. Library of Wales.

Roger Oakley of Oakley Hall, Esq:

William Oakeley.

Roger Oakeley, gent.

William Oakeley, gent.

Jenkin Oakley, gent.

Roger Oakeley, gent. = Margaret d. of Will: Blundell s. of Roger s. of Will: s. of Willm Blundel & Eva, d. of Howell ap Gr. Vychan ap Gr. of Ednop.

John Oakeley, gent. = Joane d. of Reinallt s. of Gr. Vychan of Colbach s. of Gruff. s. of David hir s. of Jeuan s. of Howel.

Edward Oakeley, gent. = Catherin d. of Thomas s. of Owen s. Edward s. of John: s. of Madog Lloyd.

Andrew Oakley, gent. = Catherin d. of Robert s. of Ririd Midlton of Bachelldref.

William Oakeley.

Edward Oakeley, gent. = Mary d. of Mathew Price of Parke.

John Oakley = d. of Marson.

Rowland Oakeley = d. of Crowther of Beffson

Richard Oakeley, esq., of Oakley = d. of Sir William Phalogs.

PHILIP DE OKELEY.

A Vicar of Chirkbury, now called Chirbury (North of B. Castle): he lived sometime about 1360-1410: a younger son, may be, of an OKELEY of OKELEY. There are a few extracts referring to him.

Ordination to the first Tonsure at Chirbury 1366, Nov. 22.

PHILIP DE OKELEY.

[Register of Lewis de Charlton, Bishop of Hereford, p. 104.]

Ordination in the parish church of Ledbury, Sept. 21, 1370. Acolytes PHILIP OCLEYE.

[Register of William de Courtenay, B. of Hereford 1370-75, p. 22.]

Ordination by John Warre, B. of Commagene in the church of Leominster, May 31, 1371. Sub-deacons. PHILIP DE OKELEY. St. John's Hospital, Ludlow.

[P. 32.]

Ordination by above in the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene Hereford, Sept. 30, 1371. Acolytes. THOMAS OKKELEY. Deacons. PHILIP DE OCLE. St. John Bapt. Hosp., Ludlow.

"Chirbury. SIR PHILIP OKEY: instituted Dec. 18, 1379, occurs as Vicar 1386."

[Eyton, vol. xi, p. 68.]

FEET OF FINES

Case 195: file 18: No. 16

A.D. 1382
Sept. 29-Oct. 27.

Final concord made at Westminster, a month from Michaelmas, 6 Richard II.

John Stowe and Ellen his wife. John Straunge, PHILIP DE OKELEY, clerk, and Roger de Bromlowe chaplain, plaintiffs.

John Bereford and Alice his wife deforciants. One mesuage, one mill, one ploughland, and one acre of land, five acres of meadow, seven acres of wood in Bromlowe,* Wilmynton,* Munton * and Medewe.*

John and Alice quitclaim the premises from themselves and the heirs of Alise, to the plaintiffs and the heirs of John Stowe; for two hundred marks of silver.

FEET OF FINES

Case 195: file 19: No. 6

A.D. 1390.
June 24-July 1.

Final concord made at Westminster in the Octave of St. John the Baptist, 14 Richard II.

PHILIP DE OKELEY, chaplain, plaintiff.

William, son of William Hancokes of Ludbury and Joan, his wife deforciants.

* Just north of Chirbury.

One mesuage, one ploughland, two acres of meadow in Lydom and Farcote.

William and Joan quitclaim the premises to Philip, from themselves and the heirs of Joan for one hundred marks of silver.

"Sciant &c quod nos Johannes Colle de Salop, Senr., et Agnes uxor mea dedimus &c PHILIPP̄O OKELEY Vicario ecclesie de Chirbury, Johanni Paunton, Johanni Shelve Capellanis, Nicholao Boirley, Rectori ecclesie de Westbury Thome Harley et Johanni Lewis Capellanis, omnia tenementa nostra et terras redditus et servicia cum omnibus suis pertinentiis quae habemus die confectionis presentium tam infra libertatem ville Salopie in Comitatu Salop' quam in villa et comitatu Staff' ac etiam in OILEY (?" OKLEY ") et aliis locis. Habendum &c in perpetuum de capitalibus dominis foedi. Hiis testibus: Simone Tour et Will'o Forster tunc ballivis Villae Salop', Walto Stury, Rico Bonell, Rogero Foirtes Joh'e Hulle et aliis. Datum apud Salopiam die domenico proximo ante festum Nativitatis Sancti Joh'is Baptiste anno regni Regis Henrici Quarti post conquestum quinto."

[From Morris MS. in possession of Mrs. Morris Eyton, Wood Eaton Manor, Staffs. K./5, H. IV. A.D. 1404.]

Saturday after St. Mathew Apostle, 15 Ed. III (Sept. 1341).

RICARDUS DE OCLE capellanus (*vide* p. 8) qui tulit breve assise nove disseisine versus Johannem filium Petri Madokes (*cf.* p. 126) et alios in breve de comitatu Salop non est prosecutus Ideo predicti Johannes et alii eant inde sine die Et predictus Ricardus et plegii sui de prosecutione videlicet Ricardus de . . . Faber et Thomas Russel in misericordia etc.

[Assize Roll, 1432, mem. 93d.]

OAKELEYS, or OAKLEYS, OF NORTON-IN-HALES.

We cannot say whether the above were related to the family, or not. If reference is made to p. 3, we find there a STEPHEN DE ACLE is mentioned, who belonged to OAKELEY BISHOPS CASTLE from the context. Stephen, of course, was a common Norman name, and whether he was identical with the Stephen mentioned below, we do not know: but there is no Stephen recorded among the early OAKELEYS of OAKELEY.

"Before the Conquest, Norton was held by a freeman, Azor. He was dispossessed, and one Helgot was then made underlord, under Count Roger de Montgomery: Helgot probably built Norton Church towards the close of the 11th century. In the reign of Henry I, Herbert, son of Helgot gave the Manor of Norton to the Benedictine Abbey of Shrewsbury. The Abbot let it out, and his tenant in 1190 was STEPHEN DE OAKLEY.

"In 1225 STEPHEN DE OAKLEY was the defendant in a lawsuit. Amilla Fegus brought an action against him, claiming from him twelve acres of land in Norton as a part of her dowry. Her brother Fegus also claimed from the same defendant a carucate of land in Norton . . . Adam of Norton

appeared upon the scene in 1242. This Adam had a son, William by name, who on reaching manhood, laid claim to a share of the village field, and, indeed, took possession of it. STEPHEN OAKLEY, the holder of the manor under the Abbot of Shrewsbury, was not the man to sit down quietly under an infringement of his rights, and in 1256 he prosecuted William for trespass.

. . . We learn from another deed that Adam of Norton had a surname, le Hore [*vide* p. 24] . . . Richard Nenon was the parson and was one of the defendants in an action brought by John, Abbot of Salop, against Willam le Hore, STEPHEN OAKLEY, and Henry son of Henry concerning the right of common pasture in the townfield of Norton, and the Abbot won it. . . . At the beginning of the 14th Cent^y. Reginald le Hore appended his name to a municipal deed relating to Drayton. In 1344 the King confirmed to WILLIAM OF OAKLEY in fee a certain pond in Norton the right of the Abbot of Shrewsbury being reserved to fish in his own river of Tern [pp. 22, 24] WILLIAM OF OAKLEY also held a mill, described as belonging to the Abbot in Betton, for which he paid a yearly rent of 8 marks. The pond is now known as " OAKLEY POOL " and it has remained in the hands of the representatives of the old OAKLEY family down to the present day. In the reign of Rich. II Thomas of Stafford and Matilda his wife owned a portion of the Manor of Norton and held a house and a virgate of land in OAKLEY.

. . . Richard Nenon was succeeded in the Rectory of Norton by a priest of the name of Robert, whose successor was Robert de Wyndesley. In 1349 Robert de Alstone took over, and after 9 years resigned, being succeeded by Sir William Longeleye. Sir William Blakeway was the next and at his death was succeeded by Sir William Walleford."

[Lecture by Mr. T. P. Marshall of Market Drayton.]

" STEPHEN DE ACLETH, whom we have seen attesting a Betton deed before 1190 was identical with STEPHEN DE OCLE who, in 1203, was on a commission to ascertain the validity of an essoign. He took his name from OAKLEY in the Staffordshire parish of Mucklestone, but was a tenant of Shrewsbury Abbey at Norton in Hales.

A Plea Roll of Michaelmas term 1225 alludes to a suit which Amilla, widow of one Thegus or Fegus, and now wife of Gregory Pistor, was urging against STEPHEN DE ACHEL" (OAKLEY) " for a third of half a virgate in Norton subtus Lime—her dower in respect of her first marriage. . . . In Hilary Term 1226 the suit was renewed STEPHEN OCLE did not appear but Richard de Lache as actual tenant of the land did. His land which had been seized in manu regis was restored to him, and Gregory Pistor and his wife were ordered to amend their writ. At Assizes held coram rege at Salop in August 1226 we have Fegh fitz Fegh appearing in a suit of mort d'ancestre against STEPHEN DE HOCLE for a whole carucate in Norton. Stephen appeared not.

[Assizes, 10 Hen. III, mem. 4, dorso.]

"We have seen STEPHEN DE OCLE attesting a Tunstall deed as late as 1232, soon after which he was succeeded by his son, a second or third Stephen. Adam de Norton, also a witness of Tunstal deeds till about 1242, was also soon succeeded by a son, William, who sat as a juror for Bradford Hundred at the assizes of 1256. At these assizes we find the representatives of the two families at issue. STEPHEN DE OCLE had a writ de ingressu against William de Norton and Milisant, his sister, for a virgate in Norton. The defendants, it seems, were not joint tenants, so Stephen had leave to amend his writ.

At the same assizes STEPHEN DE OCLE, as tenant of half a virgate in Norton was impleaded for the same by Geoffrey Ovyet, a minor, as heir of William Ovyet, a crusader. The question was similar to that in a suit of mort d'ancestre, viz. whether William Ovyet was seized on the day he left for Jerusalem. The Jury found a verdict proper only to a suit of mort d'ancestre, viz. that William Ovyet had not died, seized of the premises. So Geoffrey took nothing.

In May 1259 Geoffrey, here called son of Walter Ovyet, has another writ of mort d'ancestre against STEPHEN DE OCLEE for land at Norton in Hales. In November 1269 Isabella, widow of Richard de Blakenhalle has a writ of disseizin, concerning a tenement in Norton against STEPHEN DE ACLE and others. Robert Fulton (the Justiciar appointed to try the cause) not having leisure to do so, a second writ was issued in December to Ralph de Hengham. The Assize Roll of 1272 exhibits William de Northton as a juror for Bradford hundred, and introduces a third or a fourth STEPHEN DE OAKLEY. Ranulf fitz Fegh abandoned a writ de ingressu for two borates at Norton in Hales against Stephen son of STEPHEN DE OCLE, and his wife Melisant. In Easter term 1283 a Fine was levied whereby Thomas de Coleshesele and Milicent, his wife deforciants quitclaim for themselves and the heirs of Milicent, a messuage and half virgate at Norton in le Hales to Stephen son of STEPHEN DE OCLE, plaintiff, who pays 7 merks for the surrender.

[See Feet of Fines, Case 193, file 5, No. 83, April 18-May 2, 1283.]

In 1289 we have had mention of Richard son of STEPHEN DE OKELEYE [Eyton, viii, 25]: STEPHEN DE OCLEY, who occurs on Jury lists of 1290, 1292, and 1301 was probably his elder brother. In 1294 we have seen that the latter was called 'Stephen, son of STEPHEN DE OCLEG.'"

[Eyton, ix, 367-9.]

HERVEIUS DE ACLEIA, ⅛ of a Knights fee in OAKLEY in Staffs. [Collection for a history of Staffs, W. Salt, Arch. Soc., Vol. i, pp. 169]. The testa de Nevill states that Giles de Erdington and HERVEY DE OKELEY hold ¾ of a Knight's fee in OKELEY of the Barony of Stafford.

[From Black Book of the Exchequer or Feodary of 1166.]

STEPHEN DE HOCLEY witness to a deed relating to the Manor of Sutton—early 13th Century.

[Eyton, iv, 364. Sutton is south of Market Drayton.]

"STEPHEN DE ACLEYE occurs as a witness to a deed in the "Chartulary No. 91," STEPHEN DE OCLEY in " No. 92," STEPHEN DE OCLEY in " No. 95," STEPHEN DE HOCLEYE in " No. 297." Still I do not take this Stephen to belong properly to the family under notice (*i.e.*, Salop), but to have taken his name from the OCLEYS or OAKLEYS, Co. Stafford."

[Morris MSS. Mrs. Burton, 124 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.]

STEPHEN DE ACLE, one of those to whom is committed the custody of Walter Hose, accused of the murder of Wido de Shawbury, lord of the manor of Shawbury.

[Assize Roll of October 1203. Eyton, viii, 135.]

STEPHEN DE ACLETH, OCLEY (c. 1180-1208) witness to a deed relating to Tunstall between 1175 and 1190: and to another relating to Richwardine before 1226.

[Eyton, ix, 199, 204.]

STEPHEN DE HOCLE (1225-32) witness to a deed relating to Tunstal 1232.

[Eyton, ix, 202.]

STEPHEN, son of STEPHEN DE ACLE, OCLE, ACLEY, OCLEY (c. 1235-1259). Witness to deeds relating to Tunstall.

[Eyton, ix, 202, 203, 204.]

STEPHEN DE OCLE (1265-9). In Michaelmas Term 1265 and January 1266. Odo de Hodnet or his attourney appeared coram rege complaining how William Trumwyn, STEPHEN DE OCLE and others had during the late troubles devastated with fire and rapine his manor of Hodnet. The defendants did not appear. Result not found.

[Eyton, ix, 331.]

STEPHEN DE OKELEY, EDEG (probably OCLEG) (1272-1301). Witness to deeds relating to Market Drayton and Woolerton respectively.

[Eyton, ix, 188, 207.]

STEPHEN, son of STEPHEN DE OCLEG (1272-1301). In May 1294 there was an agreement between the Abbot of Shrewsbury, and this Stephen with respect to the mill of Betton subtus Lyme.

[Eyton, ix, 200.]

The following may, or may not, relate to this family.

Oct. 5, 1296. Durham. Edward I.

Letters of attorney STEPHEN DE OCKLEE, staying in England nominating JOHN DE OCKLEE in Ireland for one year.

[Patent Rolls, No. 248.]

Oct. 4, 1296. Chester-le-Street. Edward I.

Protection with cause volumus in Ireland for one year for STEPHEN DE OCKLEE, staying in England.

[Patent Rolls, No. 206.]

March 9th, 1326. Sibstone.

STEPHEN DE OCLE staying in England nominating WILLIAM DE OKLE . . . as his attorneys in Ireland for two years.

[Patent Rolls, No. 254, p. 249.]

Final concord made at Shrewsbury fifteen days from Easter, 11 Edward I.

STEPHEN, son of STEPHEN DE OCLE, plaintiff—

THOMAS DE COLESHASEL and Milicent, his wife, deforciants.

One messuage and a moiety of one virgate of land in Norton en le Hales. Thomas and Milicent quitclaim the premises to Stephen from themselves and the heirs of Milicent for seven marks of silver.

[Feet of Fines, Case 193, file 5, No. 83, April 18-May 2, 1283.]

Confirmation of a grant by William, late Abbot of Shrewsbury, and the Convent of that place to Stephen, son of STEPHEN DE OCLEGE of (i) license to repair a stank in Norton-in-Hales, and hold the same in fee . . . and (ii) a mill in Betton.

[Calendar Pat. Rolls, 1343, July 10, Clarendon No. 260, p. 53.]

The Abbot of Salop granted to STEPHEN DE OCLEGH and his heirs quondam stagnum in Norton in Hales salva piscaria sua per totum foedum suum in aqua de Terne.

[17th Edw. III, 1344. Pat., p. i, mem. 20.]

Messuage held at OKELEY worth 4 marks by the Abbot of Shrewsbury.

[726. Inquis. Henry VII, 1485-1509.]

STEPHEN son of STEPHEN DE OCKELE *v.* William Abbot of Salop. Plea of trespass. [Coram Rege Rolls, 23 Edw. I, mem. 14, 1294.] Salop Ranulphus filius Tegh *v.* Stephen fil' STEPHEN DE OKELE and Milisent, his wife. Land in Norton in Hales.

[Quo Warranto Roll, 56 Henry III (1272), mem. 5, 8, 4. Mem. 3 and (Mem. 12).]

Assize between the Abbot of St. Peter Salop and Stephen fil' STEPHEN DE OKELEYE. Land in Norton in Hales.

[De Banco Roll 146, Mich. 30 Ed. I (1302), mem. 2.]

ROBERT DE OCLE (1256-72).

At the Assizes of 1256, one Augnes, as widow of Thomas fitz Richard recovered her dower against several tenants in Gravenhunger, viz. . . . 22 acres against ROBERT DE OCLE.

[Eyton, ix, p. 375. Assizes, 40 Henry III, mem. 5.]

At the assizes of 1272 a suit of mort d'ancestre, concerning a messuage and virgate in Gravenhunger terminated in favour of ROBERT DE OCLE, who had been seized thereof three years before the death of Thomas, son of Richard Godrich, the "ancestor," whose seizin on the day of his death was in question. ROBERT DE OCLE had since enfeoffed the present tenants, viz. Richard le Theyn and his wife, Alice.

[Eyton, ix, 375, 376.]

RICHARD DE OKELEYE.

In 1260-1270 A.D. Lucia, heiress of Roger de Coleshasel (Corselle Manor), and heiress of Henry de Coleshasel married RICHARD DE OKELEYE, son of STEPHEN DE OKELEYE, 1203.

[Eyton, viii, 25. Corselle is near Hinstock, Market Drayton: there is also a Colehurst Manor south of M. Drayton. See above.]

Final Concord made at Westminster in the octave of Holy Trinity, 17 Edward I.

WILLIAM DE TYNTELEYE, plaintiff [Tittenley Farm, near Shavington]. Richard, son of STEPHEN DE OKELEYE, and Lucy, his wife deforciants.

One messuage, one mill, two ploughlands, in Coleshasel.

RICHARD and Lucy quitclaim the premises to William from themselves, and the heirs of Lucy; and also the reversion of one messuage, and two virgates of land after the death of Margery, who was wife of Roger de Coleshasel, and now holds them in dower of the inheritance of Lucy; and of one messuage, one virgate and a half of land after the death of Petronilla who was wife of Henry de Coleshasel and now litscurbe holds them in dower.

WILLIAM shall therefore pay by the year one clove gillyflower at Easter, and now pays dower one sore sparrow hawk.

This concord was made in the presence and with the consent of Margery and Petronilla, and they did fealty to William in the same court

[Feet of Fines, Case 193, file 6, No. 27, June 7-14. A.D. 1289 Eyton, viii, 25, 26.]

Shropshire Lay Subsidy Roll 1327.

WOUER (Woore).

RIC'O DE OKKULL xviij.

[166/1. 1 Edw. III, a twentieth, p. 18. Shrop. L. Subs. Roll, 1327.]

WOUER. DE RICARDO DE OKHULL xviijd.

RIC. fil, STEPHEN DE OCLEY and Lucia, his wife, *v.* Will fil Will de Tytinlegh. Plea of land.

[De Banco Roll 43. Trinity, 9 Edw. I, 1281, mem. 48 Salop.]

WILLIAM son of STEPHEN DE OKELEYE.

Final concord made at York, a month from Michaelmas 8 Edward III.

WILLIAM, Son of STEPHEN DE OKELEYE, the younger and Elizabeth, his wife, plaintiffs by James de Podmor [near Ashley, close to Norton] attorney of Elizabeth.

LAWRENCE DE WOURE deforciant.

One mill, three plough lands, ten acres of meadow, and 5*s*. of rent in Betton under Lyme and Norton in le Hales.

LAWRENCE grants to William and Elizabeth, and the heirs male of William in tail two thirds of the premises and the reversion of the other third part after the death of Maud who was wife of STEPHEN DE OKELEYE and now holds it in dower of the inheritance of Lawrence. If William have no issue male successive remainders in tail male to Maud, Elizabeth and Margery his daughters, and to the right heirs of his daughter Maud.

This concord was made in the presence and with the consent of the same Maud, formerly wife of Stephen and she did fealty to William and Elizabeth in the same court.

[Feet of Fines, Case 194, file 11, No. 65. Sept. 29-Oct. 27, 1334.]

A fine was levied 8th Edw. III, 1335 A.D., N. 154, between William,

son of STEPHEN DE OCLEYE, Junior, Campr. and William son of STEPHEN DE OCLEYE, Senior, defendant, of certain messuages in OCLEYE in Com. Staff, and of lands in Norton in Hales, Com. Salop.

[Lloyds, *Antiqs. of Shropshire.*]

Grant by Isabel, formerly wife of William Gamul of Knyton in le Halys to John, son of Richard de Hunderbach, William son of STEPHEN DE OCLEY, ADAM DE OCLEY, and William son of William of the same.

[Dated at Knyton in le Halys, 7 Ed. III, A.D. 1333/4.]

Pardon to William, son of STEPHEN DE OKELEIE for the death of William le Hore of Norton-under-Lyme as it appears from the records of Richard de Harleie and Thomas de Tynteleie justices of gaol delivery for the Castle of Shrewsbury that he killed him by mischance.

[Patent Rolls, p. 46, No. 251, Dec. 1, 1313, Edw. II.]

Pardon to OSBERT DE OKLEIGH in Stafford in gaol for the death of William Hore, as it appears by the record of John of Berewyk and his fellows, justices in eyre in the Co: of Stafford that he killed him by mischance.

[Patent Rolls, Feb. 18, Peasley—1293—*vide* p. 49.]

Rex confirmavit WILLELMO DE OKELY in feodo quoddam stagnum in Norton in Hales salvâ Abbati Salop: libera piscaria sua in aqua de Tyrne &c. necnon molendinum dicti Abbati in Betton pro annuo redditu octo marcarum ad manerium suum de Betton.

[Cal. Rol. Pat., Morris MSS., 1343.]

Soudeley Magna. [? Sowdley Magna, near Norton.]

THOMAS DE OCKELEY.

Tybota uxor ejus.

[Lay Subsidy Rolls, Shropshire, 242/34, 4 Rich. II, 1380-1. Poll tax.]

Grant by William, Lord of Knighton, Alan de Knicton, Stephen son of Gamul, Richard son of Roger de Knigton, Richard son of THOMAS DE OCLEY, and John son of Richard de Ley* to Thomas son of REGINALD DE OCLEY of a plot of waste land of Knicton—STEPHEN DE OCLEY is a witness. Not dated.

[Harleian MS. 2038. R. Holme. Heraldic collection for Chester Folio 101 (a).]

Release by Stephen son of Richard le Heyre of Knyhton to William Gamul of Kniton and his wife Richard son of Adam, Lord of Mucleston and his wife John de Huntenbach and his wife, and Richard Gamul of Knithton and his wife of a plot of land which Thomas son of REGINALD DE OCKELEY held in the Fee of Knyhton—STEPHEN DE OCKELEY and William son of Reginald of the same are witnesses.

[101 (k). 15 Edw. II, A.D. 1321/22.]

Grant by Richard son of THOMAS DE OCLEY to Stephen son of William son of Gamul—STEPHEN DE OCLEY is a witness.

[102 (c). Not dated.]

* Whose daughter Thomas de O. married.

Grant by THOMAS DE OCLEY living at Woninton [? Winninton] to William son of Stephen Gamul of Knetton and Isabel his wife in tail of half a messuage with the moiety of a croft adjoining which the said Thomas had by gift of Richard le Heyr of Knytton who had the same from Alan Dinyan of Knetton; and a moiety of a messuage [moor ?] in Knetton —STEPHEN DE OCLEYE is a witness.

[Folio 102 (e). Not dated.]

Grant by William son of Steven Gamul of Knyton in le Halys to Richard his son of a fourth part of a plot of land in the fee of Knytton which THOMAS DE OCKELEY held by leave of William, Lord of Knytton. STEPHEN DE OCKELEY, Adam his brother, William Son of REGINALD DE OCKELEY are witnesses.

[Folio 102 (f). Not dated.]

Grant by Stephen Gamul of Kneyton to Richard his son of land and meadow which the said Stephen bought of Richard Son of THOMAS DE OCLEY and Richard son of Adam de Kneyton &c.—STEPHEN DE OCLEY is a witness.

[Dated at Newcastle, 1295, 24 Edward I.]

Lease by Richard de Munsule to Thomas de Bramhall of land in Munsule for default (of issue?) (to) JOHN DE OCLEYE brother of the said Thomas.

[Folio 83 (g). 18 Edw. III, 1344.]

Grant by Richard son of THOMAS DE HOCLEY to Stephen son of William de Knechton of three acres of land between land of Roger de Knechton and Alan of the same and land of William de Aula [p. 30] &c.

STEPHEN DE HOCLEY is a witness.

[Folio 112. Not dated.]

Grant by the same to the same.

[Dated at Newcastle 1291. 19 Edw. I.]

Release by Adam son of Alan de Knychtton to THOMAS DE OCKELEYE living in Woninton.

STEPHEN DE OCKELEY is a witness.

[Not dated.]

Extent of the Manor of Cheswardine before Thomas Bosse, Thomas de Thorp, and Philip de Say, clerk; by William de Chippeknolle, Richard Forester, Richard Wodeclerk, Richard del Hull, Hugh le Paumer, Alexander du Clay, John de Huntebeche, William son of William son of Hugh, Hugh son of Henry, and other jurors (Roger le Strange was Lord of the Manor) [*vide* p. 30] *Free tenants* . . . and THOMAS DE OKELEY and Robert son of Robert hold half a virgate of land and render 4s 5d by the year.

[Extents and Surveys, Portf. 14, No. 23, P.R.O., 24 Oct., A.D. 1280.]

Rotuli de feodis que tenentur de rege in capite et de aliis diversis in comitatibus Salopie et Staffordie etc. (1284-1285.)

Stafford. Hundredum de Off [Low]. OCLE Johannes de Hamelin [*vide* Pat. Rolls, p. 160, No. 253, A.D. 1323] et HENRICUS DE OCLE. tenent . . . OCLE pro medietate j feodi de parvo feodo et dictus Johannes

tenet partem suam de Nicholao barone Staffordie et idem Nicholaus de rege. Et dictus Henricus tenet partem suam de herede Henrici de Erdington et idem heres de Nicholao Barone Staffordie et idem Nicholaus de rege in capite.

[Calendar Inquis. and ass: relating to Feudal aids 1284-1431, vol. v, p. 7.]

[*Cf.* p. 20.]

The Abbot of Salop held Betton with its surroundings such as Norton, Tunstall, Rigwardine, Lees and half the Vill. of Parva Drayton.

[Collect: Topog et Gen. Nicholls.]

Witnesses to deeds connected with Knyghton in le Hales.

Folio 33 (b) STEPHEN DE OCKLEY. Edw. I.
Harleian (c) ,, ,, ,, ,,
(c) ,, ,, MOCLEY. Henry III, 1216-72.
Folio 101 (a) ,, ,, OCLEY, Richard son of Thomas. (No date.)
(b) STEPHEN DE OCKELEY, ADAM DE OCKELEY, William son of REGINALD DE OCLEY. (No date.)
The same spelt OCKELEYE, OCKELEY. (No date.)
(c) STEPHEN DE OCKELEY, William son of REGINALD DE OCKELEY. (No date.)
(d) STEPHEN DE OCKLEY. (No date.)
(f) ,, ,, ,, THOMAS DE OCKLEY. (No date.)
(g) ,, ,, OCKELEY. (No date.)
(l) ,, ,, ,, , Knitton. 10 Edw. II. A.D. 1316/17.
(m) STEPHEN DE OCKELEY, ADAM DE OCKELEY, William son of REGINALD DE OCKELEY, THOMAS DE OCKELEY, Knytton. 11 Edw. II. A.D. 1317/18.
(q) STEPHEN DE OCKELEY, Knyton. 11 Edw. II. A.D. 1317/18.
(r) STEPHEN DE OCKLEY, Knyton. 2 Edw. III. A.D. 1328/29.
(s) STEPHEN DE OCLEY, Knyton. 3 Edw. III. A.D. 1329/30.
(t) WILLIAM son of STEPHEN DE OCKELEY, Adam of the same, Knytton. Tuesday after the Feast of St. Luke. 4 Edw. III. 23 Oct. 1330.
(v) STEPHEN DE OCKELEY, Adam his brother. Kneyhton. 5 Edw. III. A.D. 1331/32.
Folio 102 (a) WILLIAM DE OKELEY. Kneychton. 18 Edw. III. A.D. 1344/5.
(d) STEPHEN DE MOCLEY. (No date.)
(g) ,, ,, OCKELEY, ADAM DE OCKELEY, William son of REGINALD DE OCKELEY. Mucluston: the Feast of St. Michael. 13 Edw. II. A.D. 1319. 29 Sept.

WILLIAM son of STEPHEN DE OCLEY, ADAM DE OCLEY, William son of WILLIAM DE OCLEY. Knyton in le Halys. 7 Edw. III. A.D. 1333/4.

STEVEN DE OCKELEY, ADAM DE OCKLEY, William son of REGINALD DE OCKLEY. 6 Edw. III. A.D. 1332. 1 Edw. III. 1327.

THOMAS OCKELEYE of Woninton. 12 Edw. II. A.D. 1318.

THOMAS DE OCKELEY. 10 Edw. II. A.D. 1316.

STEPHEN DE OCKLEY, ADAM DE OCKLEY. 14 Edw. II. A.D. 1320.

Supplied by the agent to Lt.-Col. Sir P. W. CHETWODE of Oakley Hall, Norton-in-Hales. Also Miscell: Genealog: et Heraldica. Second Series, Vol. I (1886), p. 69, 71.

Roberte Chetwode, 2nd son, whose father gave him lands in Chetwode 5 E. 3 & 36 E. iii, A.D. 1332 & 1363.

Stephen de Ockley, Lord of Ockley in Com. Stafforde, et Maulde his wiffe Arms: *Sable*: 3 *Leopards heads jessant de lis argent.*

John Chetwode sonne & heire of Roberte, lived 36 E. III. Arms: Chetwode impaling those of Ockley.	= Elizabeth sister & heir to William de de Okeley, lived 11 E. 3 (1338) & 36 E. iii (1363).	Margerie da. to Stephen de Okley, died Sanz issue.	William sonne of Stephen de Okeley 11 E. 3 (1338). [*Cf.* p. 23.]	= Elizabeth his wyffe 11 E. 3 (1338).

In St. Dunstans-in-the-West, London, the Chetwode arms include (Mr. Chitwood, b. June 12, 1559):

Pennon and Surcoat: quarterly of six.

1. 2. 3. *Or on a fess between* 3 *Mascles Gu three Bezants.*
OKELEY. 4. 5. 6.

WILLIAM DE OKELEY.

We cannot say whether the above was one of the family, or not: it is probable.

He had property at Snitton, north of Ludlow, and took part in the rebellion of Roger de Mortimer against Edward III, suffering the loss of his property. He married Joan, the daughter of Ralph le Birches, also of Ludlow.

The first two extracts may or may not refer to the above: the mention of Le Strange makes it possible (p. 28).

Extent of the Manor of Ellesmere, held for life by Roger Lestrange. Sum 96*l.* 17*s.* 7½*d.*

WILLIAM DE OCLE holds of the castle of Ellesmere a moiety of a Knight's fee in OCLEE, Hoghton and Walton, of the yearly value of 40*s*.

[Cal: Miscells: Inquis: (Chancery), vol. ii, No. 48. C. Inq. Misc., File 69 (18). Writ 11 March, 2 Edw. II, 1309.]

WILLIAM DE OKLE, Keeper of the Manor of Ellesmere.

[Cal. Close Rolls. Various. 3 Edw. III, mem. 13. 1329. July 27.]

License for . . . WILLIAM DE OKLEYE . . .

Notwithstanding they found mainpernors that they would come to the King in the Northern parts to go against the contrairients, to go with Joan the wife of Roger de Mortuo Mari of Wygemor to the parts of Southamton to stay with her.

[Pat. Rolls 253. Edw. II, p. 77. Mch. 4, 1322. Merevale.]

To the Sheriff of Northamton. Whereas the King learns that . . . and WILLIAM DE OCLE, who are charged with divers offences in this realm, propose leaving this realm secretly, and divers evils may arise through their malice, the King orders the Sheriff to cause all seaports and other places in his bailiwick, where ships arrive, and where there is a passage of ships, to be so kept that the said man may not pass out of the realm.

[Cal. Close Rolls, No. 237, p. 165. 1330. Dec. 3. Westminster.]

Warrants for arrest to severall Sheriffs of John Mantravers, Thomas de Gurnaye, John Wyard, William de Exon, late Constable of Wallingford Castle, John Deveroil, and WILLIAM DE OCLE, from his bailiwick and to take them and cause them to be brought to the King.

[Rymers Foedera, Dec. 3, 1330.]

Writ to make an extent of the Manor of Bernes, which was held by Roger de Mortimer, late Earl of March, and of the lands which were held by WILLIAM DE OKLEYE in Shropshire; now in the King's hands by reason of their forfeiture.

[Excheq: K. R. extent 69. 1331. 1 Feb., 5 Edw. III.]

Writ to escheaton South of Trent 22 Jan., 4 Edw. III, Salop. Extent of the lands at Seneton which belonged to WILLIAM DE OCLEYE, a rebel—11 Feb., 5 Edw. III, 1331—sum 34*s*. 4*d*.

[Cal. Misc. Inquis. (Chancery), No. 1179. C. Inq. Misc., File 115 (7). Also Second Numbers Inquis. Nonorum. P.R.O., p. 41.]

Extent made at Lodelowe on Friday the Feast of St. Peter in cathedra. 5 Edw. III.

WILLIAM DE OKLEYE held in the vill of Cyneton one messuage worth by the year 12*d*. beyond reprises—one hundred acres of arable land by the greater hundred, worth by the year 30*s*., value of an acre 3*d*.—two acres of meadow worth by the year 2*s*., value of an acre 12*d*.—rent of cottages 17*s*. of which 4*s*. 8*d*. is paid out to the King, and 2*s*. to Sir John le Estrange [p. 27 and p. 30]—of the said hundred acres of land, thirty acres are sown with wheat, and the crop is worth 60*s*.—The said William had, within the fee of Dudlebury, a plot of meadow for terms of the next eight years, worth by the year 6*s*. 8*d*. He has it by lease of

Thomas le Walshe, to whom he has paid beforehand the whole farm for the said term—At Cyneton one acre is sown with peas and the crop is worth 12*d*.

[Excheq. K.R. Extent 69. 22 Feb., 1331.]

JOHN LESTRANGE, son of Sir John Lestrange of Blackmere (Ellesmere) Kt., died during his minority in 1375. Inquis: post mortem Elizabeth, daughter of the above.

Extent made at Lodelowe on Monday the morrow of St. Mathias, Apostle, 5 Edw. III.

WILLIAM DE OCLEYE had in the vill of Lodelowe one tenement newly built, in which he lived, worth by the year 26*s*. 8*d*., beyond reprises, save to the chief lord 4*s*. by the year. In a street called le Castelstret, six burgages worth by the year 36*s*. beyond reprises, save to the lords of the fee 6*s*. by the year for rent. In le Mulstret one tenement worth by the year 8*s*., save to the chief lord 12*d*. by the year for rent, and to the altar of Blessed Mary 2*d*.—Three messuages with courtyards worth by the year beyond reprises 3*s*.—one dovecot worth by the year 2*s*. beyond reprises, of which 2*d*. by the year is due to the Chaplains of the pilgrims—one shop in le Bucheresrewe, worth by the year beyond reprises 5*s*., save to the lord 2*d*. by the year one parcel of meadow at Galdeford worth by the year 3*s*. In the fields of La Sete two acres of land worth by the year 6*s*. save to the Lord 2*d*. bythe year: they are not sown this year.

[Excheq. K.R. Extent 69. 25 Feb., 1331]

Edwardus, Dei gracia, Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie dilecto et fideli suo Willelmo Trussel escatori suo citra Trentam, salutem, eum commiserimus dilecto nobis Stephano de Bitterley [King's sergeant-at-arms] custodiam unius mesuagii et unius carucate terre cum pertinenciis in Scynyton in comitatu Salopie, que fuerunt WILLELMI DE OCLE, inimici et rebellis nostri et que per foris factum eiusdem Willelmi ad manus nostras devenerunt, habendam, vna cum exitibus inde a tempore capcionis eorundem in manum nostram perceptis, quamdiu nobis placuerit, reddendo inde nobis per annum ad scaccarium nostrum extentam inde faciendam prout in literis nostris patentibus eidem Stephano inde confectis plenuis continetur; Nos voluntes cerciorari super vero valore mesuagii et terre predictorum, vobis mandamus quod mesuagium et terram predicta per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de ballina vestra, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, diligenter extendi faciatis, quantum, videlicet valeant per annum, vt in dominicis, homagiis, villenagiis, seruiciis, redditibus et aliis sirtibus terre iuxta rerum valorem eorundem. Et extentam inde distincte et aperte factam nobis, sub sigillo vestro et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit, sine dilacione mittatis et hoc breue, Teste me ipso, apud Westmonasterium, xxij die Januarii anno regni nostri quarto.

[(A.D. 1330/1331) Chancery Miscellaneous Inquisitione, File 115, No. 7.]

SALOPIA.

Extenta super vero valore terrarum et tenementorum que fuerunt WILLELMI DE OCLEYE apud Seneton in comitatu predicto facta coram exactore domini Regis apud Seneton, xj die Februarii, anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum quinto, videlicet, secundum tenorem breuis domini Regis huic inquisicioni consuti; per sacramentum Johannis Elrych, Rogeri Elrych, Rogeri de Camuill [? Gamull, p. 25], Willelmi de Paunteleye, Willelmi Rogeri, Stephani Wymound, Simonis de Aula [p. 25], Willelmi Gonny, Willelmi Russel, Ricardi de Paunteleye. Willelmi filii Ricardi et Willelmi de Merston. Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod est ibidem quoddam mesuagium et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus, iuxta verum valorem eiusdem XII*d*. Et est ibidem vna carucata terre et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus, iuxta verum valorem eiusdem, xxx*s*. Et sunt ibidem due acre prati et valent per annum, juxta verum valorem eorundem in omnibus exitibus iis. Et est ibidem de redditu assiso coterellorum per annum viij*s*. ad terminos annunciacionis Beate Marie et Sancti Michaelis. Inde in redditu soluto per annum ad scaccarium domini Regis pro nonis assartis per manus vicecomitis Salopie qui pro tempore fuerit, iiij*s*. viij*d*. et in redditu soluto per annum domino Johanni Lestrange [p. 25], capitali domino foedi illius ij*s*. In cuius rei testimonium, predicti juratores huic extente sigilla sua apposuerunt.

Summa preter redditum resolutum xxxiiij*s*. iiij*d*.

[Patent Rolls, 4 Edw. III, part 1, mem. 37 d. (A.D. 1330, March 22.]

Feb. 24, 1331. CROYDON.

To William de Standon.

Whereas the King has appointed John de Merssheton &c. by letters patent to survey all the castles, towns, manors, lands, goods, and chattels that belong to Roger de Mortuo Mari, late Earl of March, and to Simon de Bereford, who were drawn and hanged for certain seditions and felonies in Counties Hereford, Worcester, Gloucester, Salop, and Stafford, which he ordered to be taken into his hands by reason of their forfeiture; and, also, to survey the castles, towns, manors, lands, goods and chattels of John Mantravers, the younger, Thomas Gourmeye, Bego de Baiveis, John Deveroil, and WILLIAM DE OKELE, in the aforesaid counties, who are charged with seditions and felonies, and have withdrawn themselves for that reason, not permitting themselves to be justiced, wherefore the King ordered their castles &c. to be taken into his hands, and to cause all the goods and chattels aforesaid to be appraised by men of these counties, and to be present at the sale of certain of the goods and chattels, and to execute certain other things contained in the same letters.

[Close Roll 5 Edw. III, part 1, m. 24 (Calendar 1330-3, p. 207).]

March 23, 1331. WESTMINSTER.

Order to deliver to Robert de Penris, William de Werdale, and Richard de Southrop, whom the King has appointed by his letters patent to make view of the accounts of the bailiffs, and Keepers of the Castles, manors, and lands that belonged to Roger de Mortuo Mari, late Earl of March,

Simon de Bereford, John Mantravers, Thomas Gourneye, Bego de Baiveis, John Deveroil, and WILLIAM DE OKLE, in South Wales, and take information concerning the areas of ferms, and rents and debts due by the said Earl, and others in South Wales &c.

[Rymer's Foedera, No. 237: p. 215: 5 Edw. III, part 1.]

This indenture witnesses on Wednesday next after the feast of Easter, 5 Edw. III, Henry de Bisshebury, Sheriff of Shropshire and Staffordshire went to the house of WILLIAM DE OKELE at Lodelowe together with William de Staundon, John de Percebrigg, and John de Wouneton [? Woninton, *vide* p. 25] appointed by the King's letters Patent to survey the castles, lands, goods and chattels of Roger late Earl of March and others, and to be present at the sale of the goods and chattels found there, viz: one horse worth 5*s.*, one cow worth 6*s.* 8*d.*, 23 quarters of wheat, value of a quarter 6*s.* 8*d.*, 2 quarters, 3 bushels of oats worth 6*s.* 9*d.*, one quarter of barley malt (brasium capitale) worth 6*s.* 8*d.*; 2½ quarters of buck wheat malt (brasium curali) worth 10*s.*, two carcases and one quarter of an ox, worth 10*s.* 8*d.*, venison worth 12*d.*, three quarters of a cask of weak wine worth 40*s.*: one whole rayed cloth 40*s.*, ten ells of coloured cloth worth 13*s.* 4*d.*, six ells of canvas worth 18*d.*, three brazen pots worth 12*s.*, one basin with a civer worth 2*s.*, two andirons worth 6*s.* 8*d.*, two pewter pots worth 4*d.*, one cauldron worth 2*s.*, two napkins worth 4*d.*, four benches worth 3*s.*, one flask worth 4*d.*, two chests worth 2*s.*, two panniers covered with leather worth 6*d.*, one pair of plates of mail, broken, and two pair of mail gauntlets, broken, worth 2*s.*, one helmet of war worth 8*d.*, two leather cuirasses worth 2*s.*, one headpiece and one crupper worth 6*s.* 8*d.*, five lances worth 15*d.*, one tabard worth 4*d.*, one cart worth 5*s.*, five worn out wheels worth 2*s.* 6*d.*, three empty casks worth 18*d.*, three trescles worth 18*d.*, one brazen mortar with iron pestle worth 5*s.*, timber worth 40*s.*, small household utensils worth 6*s.* 8*d.*

All which goods and chattels are sold to John de Evesham parson of the church of Lodelowe for 21*li.* 18*s.* 2*d.* which the said sheriff has received to be paid to the King at his exchequer.

[Exchequer, K.R. extents, No. 68, 3 Ap. 1331.]

June 16, 1332. WOODSTOCK.

Pardon at the request of Richard, Earl of Arundel to Lawrence de Lodelowe, Knight, lately indicted before William le Botiller de Wemme, and his fellows, justices of oyer and terminer in the county of Salop for taking away a horse and six oxen, late of WILLIAM DE OKELE, a rebel, of whatsoever pertains to the King in the premises.

[Patent Rolls, No. 256, p. 308.]

Dec. 30th, 1334. ROXBURGH.

Grant for life to Stephen le Buterleye, King's Sergeant at arms, of a carucate of land, and 60 shillings of rent in Lodelowe and Snitton, Co. Salop, which was escheated to the King by the forfeiture of WILLIAM DE OKELEY, a rebel.

Dec. 30th, 1335.

The like of a messuage, a carucate of land, 3 acres of meadow, and 15/- rent in Snitton, Co. Salop, and also the 100 shillings yearly of land and rent in Lodelowe in the same county, which was escheated to the King, as above.

[Patent Rolls, No. 257, p. 55.]

Nov. 20th, 1338. KENNINGTON.

To the Treasurers and Barons of the Exchequer and to the Chamberlains.

Order to account with . . . for the days spent by him in the King's service . . . of the Castles, and lands which belonged to Roger de Mortuo Mari, Earl of March, and to Roger de Mortuo Mari, of Chirk . . . and to supervise the sale of all the goods and chattels, which belonged to WILLIAM DE OKELE in Co. Salop.

[Close Rolls, vol. 239, p. 576.]

Sept. 24, 1343. WESTMINSTER.

Whereas the King, by letters patent, granted for life to Stephen de Bitterleye, his Sergeant at arms, now deceased, a messuage, a carucate of land, three acres of meadow, and 15/- of rent in Sivyton, as well as land and rent of the value of 100 shillings yearly in Lodelowe, Co. Salop, late of WILLIAM DE OKELEYE, rebel; and afterwards, by letters patent, granted the same to him in fee, now, because the latter letters patent were not made after the form of the former grant, inasmuch as there is an omission in them of the three acres of meadow, and 10/- of rent in Sivyton, for the security of the heir, the King grants that he shall retain in fee, the messuage, lands, and rents comprised in the first named letters patent, as well as the 100 shillings yearly of land and rent.

[Patent Rolls, No. 260, p. 119.]

1339. SALOP. Inquisition. Lodelowe 8 March 13 Ed. III (1339).

Two acres of meadow in Munselowe which belonged to Thomas le Walshe were taken into the King's hand by reason of the forfeiture of WILLIAM DE OKLEYE . . . the meadow with other tenements of the said William was granted by the King's Commission to Hugh Tirel who afterwards had the King's writ to deliver all the tenements except the meadow to Stephen de Buterle.

[Cal. Misc. Inqs., vol. ii, No. 1594, File 135 (i).]

1343. Writ to Thomas de Swynnerton, escheator in Co. Salop, 14 Sept., 17 Ed. III.

*JOAN DE OKLEYE (and others) entered the lands in Cyvynton in the King's seisin by the death of Stephen de Butterleye . . . and detained them for some time against the order of the escheator and took away geese, capons, hens and pullets and destroyed the hay to the total value of 40*d*.

[Cal. Misc. Inqs., vol. ii, No. 1862, File 150 (2).]

* Wife of William de Oakeley.

May 1345. 19 Edw. III.

An assize held to ascertain if Cecilia, formerly wife of Stephen de Bitturleye, Richard son of Stephen de Bitturleye, Stephen, brother of the said Richard, and Thomas de Bitturleye, tailor, and others, have unjustly disseised Joan, daughter of Ralph le Birches, of her free tenement in Ludlow, of 8 tenements etc. Recites the letters patent of 24 Sept: 17 Edw. III [*vide* p. 32]. The defendants say that Joan is acting with WILLIAM DE OKLE, her husband, who is not named in the writ: she says she is sole. [On Assize Roll 1432 (divers counties).] Continued on Thursday after St. Gregory following (12 March 1346, 20 Edw. III) Joan produces a writ to proceed with the assize and a day is given, in the following May.

4th March 1345/6.

Pro Ricardo filio et herede Stephani de Bitterleye. Rex dilectis et fidelibus suis Rogero Hillary et sociis suis Justiciariis ad assisas in comitatu Salop' capiendas assignatis salutem. Cum nuper per litteras nostras patentes de gracia nostra speciali et pro bono servicio quod Stephanus de Bitterleye nuper serviens noster ad arma nobis impenderat concesserimus ei unum mesuagium unam carucatam terre tres acras prati et quindecim solidatas redditus cum pertinenciis in Sinyton in comitatu Salop' nec non illas centum solidatas terre et redditus cum pertinenciis in Lodelowe in eodem comitatu que fuerunt WILLELMI DE OKLE nuper inimici et rebellis nostri et que per forisfactum ipsius Willelmi ad manus nostras tanquam escaeta nostra devenerunt Habendum et tenendum eidem Stephano ad totam vitam suam et postmodum volentes eidem Stephano graciam in ea parte facere ampliorem per alias litteras nostras patentes concesserimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris prefato Stephano quod ipse unum mesuagium unam carucatam terre et quinque solidatas redditus cum pertinenciis in dicta villa de Sinyton et centum soiidatas redditus cum pertinenciis in dicta villa de Lodelowe haberet et teneret sibi et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris ac aliis capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per servicia inde debita et consueta imperpetuum prout in litteris nostris predictis plenius continetur, et nos postmodum pro eo quod dicte littere nostre quas prefato Stephano defuncto de tenementis predictis in feodo sic fecimus ad plenum iuxta formam picte prioris concessionis nostre facte non fuerunt, eo quod id eisdem litteris omissio de tribus acris prati et decem solidatis redditus in dicta villa de Siuyton facta fuit, volentes indempnitali heredis ipsius Stephani prospicere in hac parte per alias litteras patentes concesserimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod idem heres ipsius Stephani tam predicta mesuagium terram tres acras prati et quinque solidatas redditus cum pertinenciis in dicta villa de Siuyton quam predictas centum solidatas terre et redditas cum pertinenciis in predicta villa de Lodelowe habeat et teneat sibi et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris ac aliis capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum iuxta vim et effectum concessionis nostre prefato Stephano prius sic facte imperpetuum prout in litteris nostris predictis plenius con-

tinetur [24 Sept: 17 Edw. III, Pat. Roll, pl. 2] ac iam ex parte Ricardi filii et heredis predicti Stephani tenentis terras et tenementa per nos prefato patri suo sic concessa accepimus quod Johanna filia Radulphi le Birches de Lodelowe arramiavit coram vobis quandam assisam nove disseisine per breve nostrum versus predictum Ricardum et alios in predicto brevi contentos de tenementis in Lodelowe et idem Ricardus placitando coram vobis allegaverit se tenere tenementa in visu posita ex concessione nostra prefato patri suo sic facta et inde protulit coram vobis litteras nostras de huius concessione quo pretextu vos in assisa predicta ulterius procedere distulistis et tam prefato Ricardo quam predicte Johaane dedisti diem essendi coram vobis apud Salop' die Jovis proximo ante festum sancti Gregorii proximem futurum ut interim de iure nostro et ipsius Ricardi in hac parte melius potuimus informari. Et quia predictus WILLELMUS DE OKLE vir ipsius Johanne adhuc superstes est ut pro certo intelleximus et tenementa predicta occasione foris facture predicti Willelmi in manu ipsius Ricardi ex concessione nostra predicta existunt, volentes tam nostri quam ipsius Ricardi preiudicio in hac parte precavere, vobis mandamas quod ad capcionem assise predicte quo usque tam de morte prefati Willelmi quam de iure nostro et ipsius Ricardi de tenementis predictis aliud a nobis habueris in mandatis nulla tenus procedatis. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium quarto die Marcii.

[Close Roll 179, vol. 243, 20 Edw. III, part 1, p. 53.]

4 July 1348.

Exemplification of original grant of the premisses to Stephen de Bitterleye for life, 30 Dec., 8 Ed. III and grant to him of the same premisses in perpetuity, 12 Aug., 11 Edw. III. The originals having been burnt (see Pat. Rolls, 8 Edw. III, pt. 2, mem. 6 and 11 Edw. III, pt. 2, mem. 9).

[Pat. Roll, 22 Edw. III, pt. 2, mem. 25.]

Late Edw. I, or early Edw. II.

De tenemento quod JOHANNA DE OKELEY tenuit de dono Rici Spark x*d*.—De tenemento de dono JOHANNE DE OKELEY.

[Roll of the Palmers' Gild, Ludlow (Shrop. Arch. Trans. I, 387). The houses were in Castle St., Ludlow.]

JOHN DE OKLEYE etc. ingressi fuerunt in praeiudicium regis terras et tenementa apud Cynyton in seisinam regis.

[Morris MSS., D 17, E. 3, 1343.]

Monday after Mid Lent, 32 Edward III (1358).

Assize to ascertain if Roger Banastre of Yorton, ROGER OCLEYE and others unjustly disseised William de Polileye of his free tenement in Magna Lethe.

[Assize Roll, No. 1457. Pleas of Assize at Salop, m.m. 21 and 21 d. Great Lythe is near Condover: Polileye is possibly Plealey.]

Thursday after the Feast of St. Mathew Apostle 1358.

Assize to ascertain if ROGER DE OKEL and Rosa his wife and others

unjustly disseised William son of William de Brompton of Lodelowe of his free tenement at Ouerton.

[Overton near Ludlow, mem. 22.]

RO . . . DE OKELY was one of the jurors on the inquisition of Roger Corbet at Shrewsbury in 19 Richard II (1395/6).

[Inq. post mort., Chanc. 87/16.]

There is an interesting legend of the Chapels at Lydbury North to the effect that, when at the crusades in the Holy Land the OAKELEY, Walcot, and Plowden of that day vowed that, if they returned in safety, each would build a chapel. The two latter did so, and the transepts are to-day called the Walcot and the Plowden chapels: but the OAKELEY did not fulfill his vow apparently.

[Supplied by W. Medlicott of Craven Arms.]

We will now record a few entries of unidentified OAKELEYS.

Hundred of Burslow, 1 Edw. III, a twentieth, A.D. 1327.

OKLEYE, DE JOHANNA DE OKLEYE xviijd.

Ric'o fil Joh'is vjd.

[Lay Subs. Rolls, Shrop., 166/1.]

LYNLEYE. DE HUGONE DE OKLEYE xd.

6 Edw. III a tenth and a fifteenth. A.D. 1332.

LEE ET OKLEYE. DE JOHANNA DE OKLEYE xviijd.

[Lay Subs. Rolls, Shrop., 166/2.]

It is curious, *vide* p. 8, that Richard's mother was called Anna.

Rental of Bishops Castle: Michaelmas, 13 Edw. IV.

LUCIA OKELEY pro dimidio burgagio iijd.

[Eccl. Commiss., Hereford, Bishopric estates "Red Book," referred to in Butterfield's Survey, A.D. 1473, Folio 201, 202.]

ARON OF DRAYTON.

The founder was Richard Aron who married Cicely daughter of RICHARD OKELEY.

[Harl., vol. 28, p. 17. Six generations follow to 1623: 1623 – 180 = 1443.]

Pardon for the death of ADAM DE OKLEE to John Howel of Lidom and William son of Philip of Lidom A.D. 1327.

[Pat. Rolls, 1 Edw. III, pt. 2, mem. 16.]

We will now take Harl. MSS. 1982, 1984, 2152, and Peniarth 282. The first of whom we have mention is

ROGER DE OKELEY [Harl. 1982 and Peniarth] (or OCKLEY).

If his great great grandson's date is correct, viz. 1430, his date must have been about A.D. 1310.

Nothing is recorded concerning him. The Peniarth MS. shows a Roger followed by a William, prior to this ROGER DE OKELEY. Possibly a repetition.

His son was

WILLIAM DE OKELEY [Harl. 1982 and Peniarth] (or OCKLEY).

His date would be about A.D. 1340.

Extent of Bishop's Castle made on Wednesday after the feast of St. David 1316 . . . WILLIAM DE OCLEY is one of the jurors.

[Hereford Bishoprick estates. The Red Book referred to in Butterfield's Survey, folio 197, 2 March 1316/7. Records of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.]

His son was

JENKIN DE OKELEY [Harl. 1982, 1984, 2152 and Peniarth] (or OCKLEY).

All four MSS. now agree: his date would be about A.D. 1370.

His son was

ROGER DE OKELEY [Harl. 1982, 1984, 2152, Peniarth] (or OCKLEY).

Date about A.D. 1400: appears in all four MSS. It is possible the family sided with Roger de Mortimer: hence the name Roger which occurs twice about this period. He m^{d}. Margaret d. of Will Blundell.

" Hundredum de Pusselowe." Inquisicio h. de. p. Capta apud Lodelowe . . . per Sacramentum Johannis Pyard, Johannis de Eyton, Johannis Fully, junioris, Rogeri de Bekheye, Ricardi Mattes de Longefeld, Johannis Action de Brocton, Johannis Mynde de Coston, Rogeri Taillour de Lydbury, ROGERI OKELEY, Willelmi Walcot, Willelmi Aleyn, et Willelmi Hykkes.

[Feudal Aids, A.D. 1431.]

His son was

JOHN DE OKELEY [Harl. 1982, 1984, 2152, Peniarth] (or OCKLEY).

Called in Harl. 1984 John Rogers—evidently John son of Roger. His date is given approximately in Harl. 2152, where we learn that he was a witness in a deed of " Jo^{y} Colbach," one of the family into which he married, in A.D. 1430.

He married Joan, daughter and co-heyre, with her sister Lucy, of William de Colbach (about 1½ miles S.W. of Bishops Castle). They had 8 children: two sons

1. WILLIAM OKELEY of OKELEY.

2. EDWARD who married Katherine daughter of ap Edmund. Three daughters.

1. MAUD who married either Richard de Colbach [Harl. 1984] or Richard de Whittcote [Harl. 2152].

2. MARGARET who, both MSS. agree, married John Talland.

3. ALICE who married Humphrey Yapp or Yopp, probably the latter, since a William Yoppe appears in a sale of land at Lydbury North in A.D. 1567.

[Feet of Fines, 9 Eliz., Easter Term.]

The Will of Humphrey Yopp of Totterton W.P. 1564, mentions his wife Alice, his son John, and his daughter Alice, and " JOHN OCCLEY, grandfather of the children."

4. LUCY who married a Downe of Herefordshire.

5. ELIZABETH who married Richard Piggin

6 JOAN who married John Mason

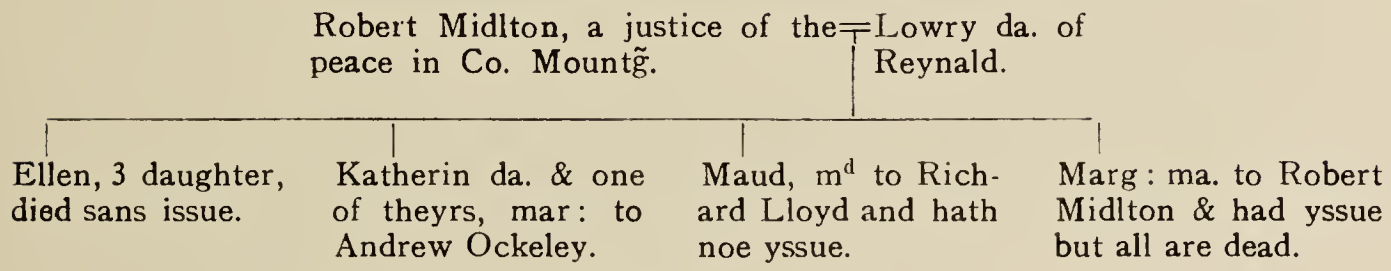
It will be noticed how closely Harl. 1984 and 2152 agree in detail.

Before we proceed to William, we will take the second son Edward. He had two sons.

1. ANDREW, who married Katherine, daughter and one of the heirs of Robert Middleton, Esq. This is confirmed by the Midleton of Midleton pedigree.

[Harl. MS. 1983, f. 55 b.]

MIDLETON OF MIDLETON, SALLOP.



Middleton is about 2 miles East of Chirbury.

He probably was born at B. C. about A.D. 1500, and was buried at B. C. Aug. 22, 1587. His name occurs as follows:

DE WILLELMUM HYCKES pro lic, conc. cum ANDRE OCCLEY.

[Court Roll. portfolio 197, No. 95, ijd., 11 Oct., 5 Eliz., 1563.]

ANDREW had two sons and three daughters.

(a) EDWARD, bailiff of B. C. A.D. 1612, who m. Mary d. of Mathew Price of Parke [Peniarth]: possibly d. 15 May 1653, Ch. Stoke.

[*Vide* pp. 45 and 49.]

(b) RICHARD, baptized at B. C. 27 Dec. 1580.

(c) LUCY, who married Ambrosius Kinge, a mercer at B. C. on 5 Oct. 1607.

(d) JOAN, who married Roger Williams of Welshpool, apparently baptized at B. C. 11 May 1576.

(e) MARGARET, baptized at B. C. 15 Jan. 1585: probably md. Edward Evans.

There is also probably a third son not recorded by the Harl. MSS., viz.

ROWLAND, whom we take to be the Rowland of Pentrenant who married Mary d. of ROWLAND OAKELEY of Oakeley: he was baptized at B. C. 16 Dec. 1582. The register says he was the son of Andrew.

2. JOHN: possibly of Toterton, *vide* p. 106: if so, he was born 1534.

As a corroboration of the Harl. MSS., the Rev. F. C. Norton, a distinguished genealogist, saw the will of EDWARD OKELEY, proved at Hereford 1550 (the will has since disappeared), which mentioned his two sons Andrew and John.

WILLIAM OKELEY of Okeley.

Probably born in the latter half of the 15th century.

The first mention of him is A.D. 1523.

"SNELCROFT, LEE ET OKELEY. Collector WILLIAM OKELEY. WILLIAM OKELEY goodes xl*s*—xii*d*."

[Lay Subsidy Rolls, Salop: hundred of Purslow 166/119, 15 Henry VIII.]

He married Ellen daughter of "Mason of the Castell," and had three sons.

1. ROWLAND.

2. FRANCIS, born about 1510-1520; possibly the Francis who was buried Jan. 20th, 1587 at B. C.

In 1543 we have

"Busshops Castell . . . FRANCISCUS OCLEY in bonis xx*s*. ii*d*." [L. S. Rolls, do. 166/60, 35 Henry VIII], and he appears the next year for xx*s*. [do. 166/203]. In 1563 we have "ij*d*. De Rogero Tanner pro lic. conc. cum FRANCISCO OCCLEY" [Court Rolls, Portf. 197, No. 93]: in 1567 "DE FRANCISCO OCKELEY pro consimili (licencia concordandi) cum Johanne Tomlyns" [Do: Portf. 197, No. 95, ij*d*. 4 Oct. 1567]: and "DE FRANCISCO OCKELEY pro consimili cum dicto Loduico (Jones) Astwood" [Do. 4 Oct., 9 Eliz. 1567]: 1563 "De Richard Humffries pro lic. conc. cum FRANCISCO OCCLEY" [Do. Portf. 197, No. 96, 11 Oct., 5 Eliz. 1563].

He married the daughter of John Longwell, her name being Johanna, if the lady of this name, buried at B. C. 27 Dec. 1587 be identical; and she may be the same as the Joanna in the following, since on each occasion her name appears in the same roll as that of Francis, and on no other:

"1543 JOANNA OCLEY in bonis xx*s*. ii*d*. [L. Subs. R. Salop 166/60, 35 Henry VIII]; and 1544 "JOANNA OCKELEY in bonis xx*s*. [Do. 166/203.]

In 1567 he appears in the following case:

A.D. 1567, 9 Eliz. Easter Term.

FRANCIS OKELEY, plaintiff.

WILLIAM YOPPE and Florence his wife, deforciants.

One mesuage, one garden, one orchard, one hundred acres of land, twenty acres of meadow, twenty acres of pasture in Lybbery North. William and Florence quitclaim the premises to Francis from themselves and the heirs of William for 40*l*.

[Feet of Fines, Shropshire.]

(ALICE, aunt to Francis, married Humphrey Yopp; so presumably William Yopp was a relation.)

His children appear to have been:

1. EDWARD, Bapt. 3 Ap. 1559 buried 11 May 1559.

[B. C. Parish Reg.]

2. ROBERT ,, 28 Aug. 1560.

[Harl. 1984, 2152 and B. C. Parish Reg.]

Harl. MSS. say he was married, without giving the name.

3. RICHARD Bapt. 15 July 1563.

[Harl. 1984, 2152 and B. C. Par. Reg.]

Both Harl. MSS. say he was a physician in Hereford.

? " 1585. St. John's Coll. pleb.: matric. 2 July, aged 18 (?) B.A.: 22 Feb. 1586/7, M.A. 7 July 1593 "? [Alumni Oxon. 1500-1714. vol. iii]: son Anthony [p. 225].

4. JOHN, Bapt. 18 March 1564.

[Harl. 1984, 2152 and B. C. Par. Reg,]

An attorney at the Common Law.

5. KATHERINE.

[Harl. 1984, 2152.]

Married Richard Evans of Kerry [near Newtown], 2 Feb. 1582.

[B. C. Par. Reg.]

6. ELINOR. Shown as married, but no name.

[Harl. 1984, 2152.]

7. JOANNA, not shown in the Harl. MSS., but the B. C. parish register shows she was buried 19 Dec. 1596.

William Okeley's children (*cont.*)

3. WILLIAM'S third son was ROBERT: possibly the one mentioned below.

" ROBERTUS OKELEY filius WILLI OKELEY xi februarii Sepult " (1572).

[B. C. Par. Reg.]

The following may refer to WILLIAM OKELEY of Okeley.

[F. 189, Salop.] (Inquisition taken at Shrewsbury 6th Oct. 1517 before Commissioners to enquire what buildings have been pulled down since Mich. 1488, how much land then in cultivation has been converted into pasture and how much park land for feeding beasts has been enclosed; by the oath of good and faithful men who say)

Et quod WILLELMUS OKELEY eodem anno (1504/5) inclusit quatuor acras terre arrabilis ibidem (in Hopsey). Hopesay, 4 miles S.E. of Lydbury North

[Inquest of Enclosures 1517. Lansdowne MS. 1, No. 60.]

There was a later WILLIAM OAKELEY whose children appear in the B. C. register 1559-1576, in which year on the 21 July he was buried.

W. O. of O. probably died about 1530.

Harl. 1982 gives a daughter, Joan, not recorded in the other two pedigrees, stating that she married " Holl ap Owen ap Morris and Aleth."

We now return to

ROWLAND OKELEY of Oakeley.

The first mention we have is dated 1542.

LEE and OCLEY. ROWLAND OCLEY . . . to harnes or make a fryse cote, a swerd and a dagger and a bill.

[Certificates of Musters Salop. Temp. Henry VIII, Exchequer T.R. Miscell: Books, vol. 48.]

A.D. 1544 166/180 36 Henry VIII a benevolence
LEE ET OKELEY ROWLAND OKELEY . . . vj*s*. . . . viij*d*.
A.D. 1545 166/185 37 Henry VIII.
Villata de Lee et aliis.
DE ROLAND OCCLEY in terris ad xxvj*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . .viij*d*.
A.D. 1547 166/196 38 Henry VIII.
LEE ET OCLEY. ROWLAND OCLEY in terris xl*s*. . . . iiij*s*.
A.D. 1559. 167/23 1 Eliz.
The Towne Ennd parishe of Busshope Castell.
ROWLAND OCKELEY in terris xx*s*. ij*s*. viij*d*.

[Lay Subs. Rolls.]

Possibly the following refers to him (or to his grandson):
SADLEY, ad curiam parvam 14 Oct. 10 Eliz. 1568.
DE RICARDO COLMER pro lic. conc. cum ROULANDO OCKELEY.

[Court Roll Portf. 197, No. 95. Castri Episcopi, burgus.]

A.D. 1571 167/141 13 Eliz. LEE ET OCCLEY.
ROWLAND OCCLEY in landes x*ls* v*s* iiij*d*.

[Lay Subs. Rolls.]

He married the daughter "of Hotckiss of Ledbury." Ledbury may have been correct; but Lydbury (North) is far more probable.

A William Hotckiss is mentioned, of Totterton, in WILLIAM O. of O.'s will, dated 29 March 1692, and in 1542 "Richard Hochekes, and Edward" of Lydbury are mentioned [Certifs. of Musters as before]. A John Hotchkis of Downe in the parish of Lydbury is mentioned, aged 53, in 1602 [Excheq. Dep. 44 Eliz., Hilary, 17 Salop. Thomas Berrington and others *v.* Richard Carer and others].

He was Queens Reeve of Downe and Acton.

A Margery Hodgekis of Lidbury, aged 70, gives evidence in a case 1588.

[Excheq. Dep., Easter 1 Salop, John Yoppe *v.* Reinoldes.]

Her Christian name is not recorded: the B. C. Parish Reg. shows a "PETRONILLA uxor ROWLANDI OKELEY" as buried 21 Nov. 1585, which may be this lady, but the date is late. A ROWLAND OKELEY was buried 12 April 1593: too late a date for the above. Probably the Rowland son of Robert, born 8 July 1561.

A "JOHANNA uxor ROWLANDI OKELEY" was buried 22 June 1567; this may be the "daughter of Hotchkiss."

The following two extracts may refer to this Rowland:

LE ET OCLEY X*d*. De precio vnius ovis coloris albe prouenientis vt extrahure annuatim et remanentis in custodia ROWLONDI OCLEY.

[Court Rolls.]

A.D. 1562 ij*d*. De Johanne Owens pro detencione debiti versus ROLONDUM OCCLEY ET ROBERTUM SAYES.

[Court Rolls, Portf. 197, 93.]

ROWLAND O. of O. had two sons.

1. JOHN OKELEY of Okeley.
2. EDWARD [Harl. MS. 1982] described "of Bishop's Castell" and shown as married to "Katharen daughter of Tho: ap Owen ap EDWARD D'ALETH."

A KATHERINE OKELEY is recorded in the Lay Subs. Rolls.

A.D. 1593 in terris xx*s* iiij*s* (Byshopes Castle)
,, 1594 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
,, 1595 ,, ,, ,, ij*s* viij*d*. ,, ,,

They are shown as having two sons.

(a) RICHARD.
(b) THOMAS.

JOHN OKELEY of Okeley.

Probably the John recorded as buried at Lydbury North, Jan. 13, 1592.

Harl. MSS. 1984 and 2152 as well as the Peniarth MS. record that he married the daughter of Raff Marston of Wolston [Woolston North of Craven Arms] and widow of Humphrey Baker. This is confirmed as below, and is an important proof of the authenticity of the pedigree, given in the two Harl. MSS.

"Pedigree of Marston of Woolston—

Radulphus Marston fil. 4 cui Radulphus Marston pater ejus dedit tenement: in Wolleston. = filia . . . . Lewis.

Only daughter . . . . ux (probably 1581) Okeley de Okeley."

[Harl. 1396, fo. 226, vol. 29, p. 352, S.H. 200a-204a.]

The text of the Will of ALICE OCKLEY mentions her son Rowland and her daughter Anne: so, undoubtedly this is the above. Her will is dated 20th January 1606 and she was buried at Lydb: N. on Feb. 6th of that year.

A Humfrey Baker of Tottorton is mentioned 1542 in the Certifs. of Musters.; and, in the same, two Humfrey Bakers of Lydbury.

ALICE OCKLEY'S will is as follows:

Will of ALICE OCKLEY 1606 Hereford Probate.

In the name of God. Amen the xxth day of January Ano Dom 1606. I ALIS OCKLEY of the peshe of Lydbury North beinge sicke in body and whole in minde and pfect remembrance make my last Will and Testament in maner and forme followinge. First, I bequeath my Soule to Almighty God and my body to be buried in the Chauncell of Lydbury North aforesaid. I^te^. I give and bequeth to SAMUELL OCKLEY [grandson] on marked oxe. I^te^. I give RICHARD OCKLEY [do.] and JOHN OCKLEY [do.] one black oxe. I^te^. I give to Anne Bright my daughter on cow and a bolocke I^te^. I give Margaret Millard on cow. I^te^. I give to Marie Simon's three daughters Anne Margery and Sibell on cow betwixt thẽ and two pewter dishes I^te^. I give to JUDITH OCKLEY [granddaughter] the best pewter dishe I have and to Marie [do.] and MARTHA OCKLEY [do.] eyther of thẽ on I^te^. I give to Wm. James on coffer. I^te^. I give to Margaret Millard Anne Bright and Marie Simons eyther of them a flaxen sheat. I^te^. I give to the poore of the pishe of Lydbury North a noble. I^te^. all the rest of my goods unbequethed I give and bequeth to ROWLAND OCKLEY my sonne who I doe nominate and apoynte to be my sole Execut^r^. to see this my last Will and Testament pformed. In wittnes whereof I have caused this my last will to be pupplished in the p^r^sence of Anne Bright Margaret Millard Marie Simons. Proved 6th July 1667.

[? 1607.]

We have few mentions of JOHN O. of O.: the following may relate to him, since it concerns his action with a Baker:

Ij*d*. De Sibilia Baker pro lic. concord: cum JOHANNE OAKLEY in placito debiti.

[Court Rolls Portf. 197, No. 93. Astwoode, 7 Feb., 5 Eliz. 1562/3.]

His name does not occur in the Lay Subs. Roll: his daughter was born about 1563, so that he must have been born about 1540. An interesting sidelight is shown by the Will of John Baker of L. North W.P. 1574, which mentions his wife Alice, and his son Edward Baker. Daughters Joan and May: mentions "JOHN OCCLEY, uncle to my son Edward Baker."

His children were

1. ANNE who married Humphrey Bright of Eyton [east of L. N.: close to Plowden station] on the 4th Dec. 1580 at L. North. She was buried 20th Feb. 1604.

HUMPHREY'S will is dated 9 Ap. 1603, and he was buried at L. N. 11 Ap. 1603. They had ten children (a) John, bp. 10 Dec. 1581, (b) Mary, bp. 2 Sept. 1583, (c) Rowland, bp. 14 Jan. 1587, (d) Humphrey, bp. 2 Feb. '97, (e) Edward, bp. 29 Mch. '94, (f) William, bp. 22 Mch. '99, (g) Jane, 9 May '85, (h) Alice, (i) Felicite, 8 Oct. 1592, (j) Margaret, 6 Sept. 1602.

His will mentions ROWLAND OCKELEY.

2. ROWLAND OKELEY of Okeley.

Probably born about 1565: buried at B. C., Oct. 28, 1622. He married Mary daughter of John Crowther of Bedstone [near Hopton Castle] who died at Westminster the 14th Feb., 1629, and was buried at B. C. 28 Feb.

[P. 113.]

The following extracts concern him or his wife.

LEA OCKLEY ET SNELSCROFTE.

[Lay Subs. Rolls, 167/143, 3 James I.]

A.D. 1605/6. Assessors ROWLAND OCKLEY in terris xl*s*. ij*s*. viij*d*.
,, 1610/11 LEE OKELEY ET SNELSCROFTE.

[Do. 167/151, 8 James I.]

ROWLANDUS OKELEY in terris xl*s*. ij*s*. viij*d*.
A.D. 1623/4 LEA ET OAKLEY.

[Do. 167/165, 21 James I.]

MARY OAKLEY vidua in terris xx*s*. iiij*s*.
A.D. 1625? BROUGHTON LEA AND OAKELEY

[Do. 167/181, James I.]

MARIE OKELEY wydowe in terris xx*s*. iiij*s*.
A.D. 1626. BROUGHTON LEA ET OCKLEY.

[Do. 167/184, 2 Charles I.]

MAREY OCKLEY vidua in terris xx*s*. iiij*s*.
A.D. 1628. BROUGHTON LEA ET OAKLEY.

[Do. 167/194, 4 Charles I.]

MARY OAKLEY widow in terris xx*s*. viij*s*.

A.D. 1596, Ap. 11-May 9. Final concord made a month from Easter 38 Eliz. ROLAND OCKLEY, gentleman, plaintiff.

EDWARD GWILLIAM otherwise OCKLEY deforciant.

Twenty two acres of land, twelve acres of meadow, four acres of wood in OCKLEY and LEE.

EDWARD quitclaims the premises to Roland for 66*l*.

[Feet of Fines, Shropshire, 38 Eliz., Easter Term.]

A.D. 1600, March 23-Ap. 6. Final concord made in fifteen days from Easter, 42 Eliz. RICHARD OKELEY plaintiff, ROLAND OKELEY, gentleman, and ROBERT OKELEY deforciants.

One mesuage, one garden, twenty acres of land, one acre of meadow five acres of pasture in Bishopscastell.

ROLAND and ROBERT quitclaim the premises to Richard from themselves and the heirs of Robert for 60*l*.

[Do. 42 Eliz. Do.]

A.D. 1603, 12 Nov. Final concord made on the morrow of St. Martin 1 James j

ROLAND OKELEY and Mathew Eyton, plaintiffs, Mary Blunden, widow, and John Bright and Anne his wife deforciants.

One mesuage, one cottage, one barn, three gardens, one orchard, two acres and one rood of land in Acton. Mary, John, and Anne quitclaim the premises from themselves and the heirs of Mary and Anne to Roland and Mathew and the heirs of Roland for 40*l.*

[Do: 1 James j. Michaelmas Terme.]

[Mathew Eyton is a witness in Excheq. Depos., 44 Eliz., Hilary, 17 Salop 1602, and was then about 44 yrs. of age. In the Visitation of Shropshire 1623 on p. 8, Mary is shown as married to a Henry Eighton.]

[John Bright was eldest son of Humfrey who married Anne O.]

A.D. 1605. Sept. 29-Oct. 6. Final concord made in the Octave of Michaelmas 3 James j. ROLAND OKLEY and John Acton plaintiffs, Humfrey Milward and Margaret his wife [p. 42] and William Bright deforciants.

Two mesuages, two gardens, seventy acres of land, ten acres of meadow, thirty acres of pasture, and common of pasture for all cattle, in Totterton and Adston otherwise Adeston. [North of Wentnor.]

HUMFREY, Margaret and William quitclaim the premises from themselves and the heirs of Humfrey and William to Roland and John and the heirs of Roland: for 100*l.*

[Do. Shrops: 3 James j, Mich. Term.]

A.D. 1606. June 16. Final concord made on the morrow of Holy Trinity 4 James j. ROLAND OCKLEY, gentleman, and Richard Marson, gentleman, plaintiffs.

JOHN BRIGHT and Charles Bright, his son, and heir apparent, deforciants.

Three mesuages, one toft, three gardens, three orchards, eighty acres of land, fourteen acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, two acres of wood, 2*s.* of rent in Totterton, Lidbury North, Eyton, Acton, and Brocton.

JOHN and CHARLES quitclaim the premises from themselves and the heirs of John to Roland and Richard and the heirs of Roland: for 120*l.*

[Do. Do. 4 James j. Trinity Term.]

Colbach Manor. The Court Baron of Richard Colbache [*vide* p. 10], gentleman, held 17 April, 8 James I, 1610.

Nomina iuratorum Homagium { EDWARDUS OKELEY Gen.
ROWLANDUS OKELEY Gen.

(These two are the only ones of twelve jurors who are described as gentlemen.)

[Additional Roll 40843. Court Roll of Colebatch Manor.]

ROWLAND'S children were

1. RICHARD OAKELEY of Oakeley.

2. JUDITH who married John Tanner of B. C. on 28 Feb. 1613, and had two children Richard and Thomas.

JOHN TANNER was son of Ann (d. of John James, of Mainstone) who md. 1590 Morris Tanner, Bailiff of B. C. 1623; he was bd. 27 Feb 1640.

[Shrop. Arch. Trans., 4th Series, vol. x, pt. 1.]

3. MARTHA who was buried at L. N. 18 Aug. 1662. She married John Ambler, clerk, M.A. Magdalen College Oxf., Rector of Lydham 1636 (expelled 1643).

4. MARY.

She married her cousin ROWLAND O. of Pentrenant who in all probability was the son of ANDREW O., on the 29th January 1624 at B. C., and we have her most interesting diary.

"Entries, relating to the family of OAKLEY in a Bible dated 1590. (London), printed by Barker: in possession of H. Savile-Clark, Esq."

[Harl.; Misc. Gen. et Her, New Series, Vol. I, p. 245.]

"ROWLAND OAKLEY was marryed vnto Elizabeth Rogers the xxjth of ffebruary being Shrove Sonday in the parishe church of Grylfford in the afternoon in an'o D'ni 1621. The said Elizabeth was delivered of a sonn ye 18th day of March 1623, aboute six of the clocke in the morninge, being Thursday and on ffriday the 19th shee dep'ted this life, haveinge another infante wth her and where all buried on Saturday beinge the xxth of the same month 1623.

ROWLAND OAKLEY married Mary doughter of ROWLAND OAKLEY of OAKLEY, Esq. vpon Thursday the 29th day of January 1624, in the parishe church of byshopscastle in the morninge.

MARY, the daughter of the said Rowland, was borne vpon Saturday morninge betwixt the houres of one and twoe of the Clocke, beinge the xxviijth. of January, An'o D'ni 1625, and was baptized vpon Sonday the 12th. of ffebruary ffollowynge, her uncle EDWARD [p. 37] OAKLEY, Mahalt Lloyd [gt. aunt-in-l.], and her grandmother Mary [wife of ROWLAND O of O.], being Gossips, and was married to Mr. Thomas Mason 3 July 1644.

[Charlestown Parish Reg. says 1649.]

KATHERINE the 2nd. doughter of the said Rowland was borne vpon Sundaye morninge the xxjst. day of Oct. 1627 betwixt the houres of three and ffoure of the Clocke in the morninge, and was baptized vpon Sunday the xith. day of November ffollowynge. Edward Evans, my brother-in-law, my sister Joan [text says John] Lloyd, and my sister in law Julian Tanner beinge gossips and was married to Eubulus Edwards 15th. Augt. 1651.

MARTHA, the third daughter, was borne on Wed. 24th. June 1629 aboute ffive in the morninge, and was baptized on Sunday the sixt of July ffollowynge Tanner, Mary, wife of EDWARD OAKLEY being gossips.

MAHALT, wife of Richard Lloyd dep^{t}. this life the 19th October 1628, and was buried vpon the next day.

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MARY the wife of ROWLAND OAKLEY of OCKLEY dyed at Westminster the 14th. day of ffebruary 1629, beinge Sunday, and was buried at bishops castle vpon the last of ffebruary.

EDWARD OAKLEY, my brother [probably br.-in-law, Andrew's eldest son] was buryed the 17th. May 1653, he dyed 15th. being Sunday.

ROWLAND, my first sonn, was borne on Munday beinge the xxjth. of June 1630 betwixt the houres of viij and ix in the morninge and was baptized vpon Sunday ffollowynge, beinge the xxvijth. of the same, Sir John Ambler [her brother-in-law], Samuell Edwards, and Margaret Evans [Katherine, d. of Francis O. married a Richard Evans of Kerry, p. 11] beinge gossips.

MARGARET, my ffourth doughter was borne vpon Friday beinge the 20th of Maii 1631 betwixt the houres of 7 and 8 in the afternone and was baptized vpon the 24th. of the same. John Tanner [brother-in-law], Margreat Price, and Martha Ambler [sister] gossips.

JUDETH my fift doughter was borne vpon Munday in the morninge betwixt the houres of six and seaven of the clocke being the 23 July 1632 and was baptized upon Sunday followinge beinge the xxixth of July 1632, RICHARD OAKLEY esq [brother] Mary the wife of Thomas Broughton of Broughton and the wife of Mr. Edward Price of Worley being her suerties.

ELENOR my sixt doughter was borne on Sunday being the second of March 1633 aboute foure of the clocke in the afternone and was baptized on Sunday followinge, Mr. David Powell, Ellenor the wife of Reignold Clarke and Ellenor the wife of Hugh Edwards gossipes.

WILLIAM my second sonn was borne one Munday in the morninge betwixt the houres of one and twoe of the clocke beinge the xxijth. of March 1634 and was baptezed one Easter Munday beinge the 30th. William Blundyn, Esq JEREMY OAKLEY [brother] and MARTHA OAKLEY [sister] gossips.

* RICHARD my third sonne was borne one Sunday the xth. of July 1636 about ix of the clocke in the morninge was b. one Sunday the xvijth. day.

ALICE my seaventh doughter was borne vpon Sunday morninge betwixt the houres of 7 and 8 of the clocke beinge the 28th. of January 1637 and was baptized one Sunday followinge beinge the 4th. of ffebruary beinge Shroue Sunday, Charles Price gent. Mary the wife of Mr. Richard Lloyd [? 2nd wife] and Mary the wife of Richard Tanner of Bishopscastle beinge Gossips.

JOHN my ffourth sonn was borne vpon Tewsday night betwixt the houres of viii and ix of the clocke beinge the 22nd. of October 1639 and was baptized one Sunday followinge beinge 27th. of October Kyffine

* Morris MSS. W. 1639. "RICHARD OAKLEY (ch. Dec. 22, 1639) son of ROWLAND of Pentrenant Co, Montgom^{y} gent to app^{t} Richard Betton, draper July 25, 1656."

Lloyd Nathanyell Kinge my sister in law Sisly the wife of SAMUELL OAKLEY being Gossips.

SUSAN my eight dowghter was borne vpon Tewsday morninge betwixt the houres of iiij and five in the morninge beinge the 4th. day of January 1642 and was baptized upon the xvth. day of January Hugh Edwards Margaret the wife of Mr. John Tanner and Mary Holloway gossips.

MARY the doughter of Thomas Masson was borne the 6th. of Aprill 1650 beinge Sunday betwixt the houres of 4 and 5 in the morninge Mr. Ambler and the 2 grandmothers beinge gossips.

ELIZABETH the fourth daughter of Mr. R^{d}. OAKELEY was born Novr. 1st. day 1683."

This Rowland was buried at Church Stoke, Mch. 18, 1658.

1648. Ball. Coll. Oxf. OAKLEY ROWL^{D} gent. fil. matric 20 Feb.

[Alumni Oxon. 1500-1714, vol. iii.]

WILLIAM probably died young, since Richard is called " my second son " in his father's will.

The following probably relates to this Richard:

1667 RICHARD OAKLEY complainant. Samuel Beddow defendant. Concerning a bond for £6 for payment of a debt of £3 to defendant from Joseph Beddow, butcher in the town of Shrewsbury, the plaintiff being a surety for the same.

[Chancery Depos: Mitford 686/53.]

Will of ROWLAND OAKELEY of Pentrenant, Co Montg^{y} gentleman dated 19 June 1658 [probably Jany. P.C.C. 252 Peel].

I bequeath to my second son RICHARD OAKELEY two mesuages in Clothye in the parish of Kerry, Co Montg^{y}. in the several tenures of John ap Humfrey and Thomas David and several parcels of land in Kerry which I bought of Evan Lloyd and Bridgett his wife now in possession of John Edwards to hold to him and to his heirs forever. I bequeath to my youngest son John and his heirs my mesuage in Penechelthy in the parish of Kerry [? Pen-y-Gelli] and my meadow grounds near called The Guerne Baith now in the possession of Evan Griffith and a mesuage called y Bryn Mellyn in Cumblechweth, Co Radnor [Bryn-melyn near Cwmllechwedd] which one Evan Griffith and Mary his wife mortgaged to me for £50 also £20 to apprentice him to a trade. I give to my daughter ELINOR OAKELEY £250. To my daughter Ales £250. To my youngest daughter Susan £200. I bequeath a moiety of all my mesuages and lands to my wife MARY OAKELEY in full recompence of her dower. After her death I bequeath the same moiety and the other moiety to my cousin WILLIAM OAKELEY of Oakeley, Co Salop, Esq and my two sons in law Thomas Mason of Bishop's Castle, Co Salop, gent, and Euball Edwards of Henryhen Co Mong^{y}. gent (one moiety immediately after my death) in trust that if my personal estate shall not be sufficient to pay the other legacies bequeathed by me, they shall out of the profits of my estate make

up such sums as shall be wanting. After the payment of such sums my said trustees may suffer my eldest son ROWLAND OAKELEY to take the issues thereof during his life. And, if the said ROWLAND OAKELEY shall marry with the consent of his mother and my trustees they shall settle my said estate upon his wife and children so that he shall only dispose of a life interest, and if he shall die without issue the estate shall remain to my right heirs. I bequeath to each grandchild living at the time of my death 20*s*.

Executors my wife MARY OAKELEY and my said cousin WILLIAM OAKELEY. Overseers my cousin Thomas Crumpe of Bishops Castle Esq [md. Margaret, d. of Richard O. of O.] and my son in law Thomas Mason. Witnesses William Mason, Elizabeth Lewis, Rich. Pigge.

Proved on the 4th. May 1659 by WILLIAM OAKELEY, Esq. one of the Exec^{s}., power being reserved to MARY OAKELEY the widow and other executor

Will of ROLAND OAKELEY of Pentrenant, Co. Montgomery gentleman, dated 20 April 1666. P.C.C. 25 Carr.

I desire to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Church Stoke, if I die in that parish, near my wife who is buried there. I give my late wife's wearing apparel and rings to my daughter Anne. I desire my goods and chattels sheep horses cattle corn &c. to be sold to pay my debts and legacies. If this is insufficient my unsettled lands and tenements are to be sold for the same purpose. Anything that remains unsatisfied of my sister King's portion bequeathed to her by my late father is to be paid out of the same sale. I give my sister ELLINOR OAKELEY £30. I bequeath the residue of my goods to my daughters ANNE and ALICE OAKELEY and I ask my executors to be their guardians till they attain the age of 21. Executors, my cousin WILLIAM OAKELEY, esq. and my father in law William Bromhall gentleman. Witnesses Tho. Crumpe Eu. Edwards, JOHN OAKELEY, Richard Pigge. Proved on the 18th. of February 1666/7 by WILLIAM OAKELEY one of the executors, power being reserved to William Bromhall the other executor.

One of the Pentrenant family.

Will of ANDREW OAKELEY—P.C.C. 74 Cottle—of Shrewsbury Co. Salop, dated 23 December 1681.

I bequeath to my Mother MARY OAKELY £10 and two meadows in Kemlett for her life with reversion to my three sisters. To my aunt MARY OAKELEY £6 yearly to be paid out of John Shenton's living. To my sister RACHEL OAKELEY £20 and the furniture of the third best chamber in the House of Bachelldree. To my sister Elizabeth £100 and the furniture of the second best chamber in the said house. To Mrs. Mary Triplett £5 and a ring. To Mr. Peter Minshull £4 and to his wife and five children 20*s*. each. To Mr. Thomas Biggs a horse sold to John Pugh for £5 and £5 in money. To Elizabeth Crowder £3. To Richard Davies 40*s*. To the poor £5 to be distributed at the discretion of Mr. Francis Tallents. To the parish of Church Stoke £20, for a stock for the poor of the parish, to

be divided amongst them every Easter Monday. I bequeath to Jonathan Cotton my second sword. If a legacy of £700 left me by Sir Andrew King [p. 72], in the event of Nathaniel King of Pentranant [p. 47] dying under age, shall be paid me, I desire that £600 of it shall be used to pay off the engagement on my estate in Montgomeryshire and the other £100 shall go to my executrix. I give 20*s*. to Susan Higgs the maid of the house where I lie. To my sister Mary Poston, widow, the residue of my goods.

Executrix—my sister Mary Poston.

Witnesses Edward Crowther, Fra: Tallents, Elizabeth Crowther.

Proved on the 28th. of June 1682 by Mary Poston sister and executrix.

Some books were sold in 1917 at Pentrenant, amongst them an old edition of Ovid, dated 1672, in which was written:

" Nathaniel King his book
The lord of heaven upon him look
And when his bel begins to toul
The lord of heaven receive his soul."

ROWLAND O. of O's children (*cont.*)

5. SAMUEL, bapt. L.N. Ap. 19, 1594, bd. Ap. 27.

[L.N. Parish Reg.]

6. SAMUEL, bp. June 8, 1595, L.N. The first Samuel having died, evidently the next child was so called!

He died on 27 Feb. 1638, and was buried at Launton, near Bicester, Oxon. He married Cicely . . .

[p. 47.]

He was called " a merchant " in London: his actual trade was that of draper.

The following relate to him:

" EDWARD OAKELEY *v.* SAMUEL OAKELEY. Money matter (answer).

[Chanc^y^. Proc^s^. Calendar, vol. iii, 1626/39. Bundle 411, No. 1.]

The answer dated the 24th. April 1629 of SAMUEL OAKELEY citizen and draper of London, one of the defendants to the bill of complaint of EDWARD OAKELEY plaintiff. [Son of Andrew, p. 37.] The defendant confesses that about October last he entered with Robert Powell another of the defendants into bond unto RICHARD OAKELEY [2nd son of Andrew, p. 37] in his life time, in the sum of £60 for the payment of £30 in April last, at the house of John, Earl of Bridgwater in Barbican in the City of London, whose servant the said RICHARD OAKELEY was, which said sum of £30 the said RICHARD OAKELEY earnestly desired this defendant to take into his hands and to give him interest for it, which he at last consented to do, and the said money still remains in this defendants hands. This defendant says that he was well acquainted with the same RICHARD OAKELEY in his life time being his kinsman but denies that he ever trusted him, this defendant with the managing of his estate. He does

not know of any estate the said Richard had beyond the said £30 (part of which namely 40*s* he borrowed of the other defendant Robert Murran to make up the said sum of £30) and £3 which he told this defendant was owing to him by one Richard Edward and Lodwicke Lewys gent; and 20*s* more owing to him by one Arthur Powell gent; and a trunk remaining in the house of the defendant Robert Powell in which was some wearing apparel. RICHARD OAKELEY in his life time often told this defendant that there was a legacy left him by his father and mother which the plaintiff should have paid him; [being the eldest son] but he could never get the same, but this defendant does not remember what this legacy was. These particulars mentioned are all the estate that the said RICHARD OAKELEY had at the time of his death that the defendant knows or has ever heard of. RICHARD OAKELEY lying sick at the house of the said Robert Powell, this defendant visited him about a fortnight before his death and persuaded him to make his will. He said that his estate was too small to make a will but he told this defendant that he wished to be decently buried like a gentleman, and he desired this defendant and his wife, the said Robert Powell and his wife, ROWLAND OAKELEY [p. 37, of Pentrenant], one other [note "other," Edward being the first] of the brothers of the said RICHARD OAKELEY, and his wife and William Bird should each have a ring, in remembrance of him, and that the said Rowland should have his garters and roses, and that the said plaintiff should have his sword and his scarfe. He wished that the rest of his estate to be equally divided between his three sisters [p. 37]. This defendant therefore considers that no part of the estate of the said RICHARD OAKELEY belongs in law to the said plaintiff more than what was left to him by the said Richard as aforesaid and that the remainder (if there be any) belongs to his three sisters. This defendant denies that he has concealed from the plaintiff what estate RICHARD OAKELEY died possessed of, or that, to this defendants knowledge, he died possessed of an estate to the value of £300.

Samuel Oakeley had a son Rowland who was admitted Burgess of Shrewsbury, Dec. 23, 1645.

[Morris MS., Mrs. Eyton, L. 1645.]

SAMUEL was put in charge of his brother Richard's estate at Launton and was the first occupant of the rebuilt Manor House, which, in part, still remains. He was the first of the family to be buried in Launton Church. " Here lyeth the body of SAMUEL OAKELEY, gent. 2nd. son of ROWLAND OAKELEY of OAKELEY in the County of Salop, who departed this life the 27th. February 1638."

7. ANNE, probably named after Rowland's sister. Died young: bp. Jan. 2, 1596, bd. March 27, 1598 at L. N.

8. JOHN, bp. at L.N. Jan. 6th 1598, and buried at Launton, Oxon.: of Westminster, Fawley Court, Bucks, and Launton. He married Laureola Panton on Jan. 7th, 1640. " 1640-1 Jan 7 JOHN OAKELEY, gent, of St. Margarets, Westminster, bachelor, 41, and Laureola Panton, Spinster 21,

her parents dead; at St. Martins, Ludgate, or Christ Church, London."

[Marriage Licences granted by the Bishop of London. Harl. Socy., vol. 26. Receiver General, Westminster Abbey.]

She is mentioned in the Launton MSS., which says she was baptized at Willesden Jany 2, 1618/9, and that she was second daughter of Sir Thomas Panton, gentleman of the Privy Council to King James I and General of H.M.'s forces in the Palatinate. John held the office of Receiver General at Westminster Abbey.

LAUREOLA was buried at Launton: on a black marble grave stone in capitals is inscribed: "Here lyeth the body of LAUREOLA OAKELEY widow, the wife of JOHN OAKELEY, a daughter of Sir Thomas Panton Knight, gent, who departed this life Nov. 23, 1684." * The only issue of this marriage was a son John whose will dated Sept. 5, 1665, was proved by his mother on Feb. 28 same year, wherein he describes himself as "Citizen and Fishmonger of London."

The father, John, succeeded his brother RICHARD O. of O. in the lease of Launton Manor.

A.D. 1628 3 Charles j, Easter Term.

JOHN OKLEY gentleman, and JEREMIAH OKLEY plaintiffs.

TIMOTHY MILWARD and Anne his wife and William Biggs clerk and Mary his wife deforciants.

One mesuage, one cottage, two gardens, two orchards, thirty acres of land, six acres of meadow, thirty acres of pasture in Totterton otherwise Totterhill, and Lydbury.

The deforciants quitclaim the premises to John and Jeremiah and the heirs of John from themselves and the heirs of Timothy and William; for 60*l.*

[Feet of Fines.]

[William Biggs was Rector of More 4 Ap. 1615: bd. Mch. 16, 1636/7: patron Richard More, the famous parlementarian.]

9. JEREMY, bp. at L. N., June 15, 1606: bd. at Cardington, Jany. 13, 1657.

1628. OAKELEY, JEREMIAS, son of Roland of Salop, pleb: Merton Coll: matric: 24 Oct 1628, aged 20, B.A. 3 Dec 1628; M.A. from Balliol Coll: 4 May 1632; rector of Myndtown 1634 and Vicar of Cardington, Salop, 1638.

[Alumni Oxonienses.]

From the Cardington register we gather his wife's name was Mary, which is confirmed by the will; there we learn she was the daughter of Robert Skinner, Bishop of Oxford, who at one time held the living of Launton.

* "Life is unsertaene
Death is sure
Sin is the cause
And Christ the cure."

They had the following children:

1. JEREMY, bp. at Cardington, Sept. 21, 1650.

1667. Jeremiah, S of Jer. of Cardington, Salop, gent. Trinity Coll: matric. 29 March 1667: aged 16; B.A. 1670; M.A. 1673; rector of Knigtwich, Co Worcester 1685, and of Sutton, Surrey 1686.

[Alumni Oxoniens.]

2. WILLIAM, bp. Feb. 1, 1651: at Cardington.

3. RICHARD.

4. MARY, bp. March 25, 1657: at Cardington.

JEREMY was presented by the King to Myndtown, Oct. 18, 1634, by lapse.

Will of JEREMY OAKELEY. P.C.C. 78, Wootton.

1656, Ap. 25. In the name of God, Amen. I, JEREMY OAKELEY Vicar of Cardington in the County of Salop being weake in body &c. My body to be buried in the parish church, when it shall please God I dye. Item I bequeath to Mary, my dearely loveing and most dearely beloved wife the lease I tooke of my nephew WILLIAM OAKELEY Esqr. My household stuffe (books onely and one seale ring excepted) and implements of husbandry and all my stocke both in money and cattle may be justly prized and equally divided betwixt my wife and our three sonnes she to have the use of the goods and profitt of the stocke during widowhood for the better maintenance of her and her children. Item I bequeath to my son Jeremy (after his mother's terme) the lease I took of my nephew WILLIAM OAKELEY Esqr in Totterton paying to his said brothers forty shillings yearely to each of them WILLIAM OAKELEY and RICHARD OAKELEY. To my sonne Jeremy all my bookes and my seale ring, which I were constantly and was a legacie left me by the reverend and learned Doctor Pinke ye worthy warden of New Colledge I doe constitute my nephew WILLIAM OAKELEY OF OAKELEY Esqr, and Richard Owen of Rhusayson Esqr [who married Richard O. of O.'s d. Martha] and John Newton of Heighley Esqr [md. Richard O. of O.'s d. Mary] executors of this my last will and testament to whose love and care I bequeath and commend my three sonnes. And I doe humbly intreat my reverend father-in-lawe Robert Lord Bishopp of Oxford [Robert Skinner, Bp. of Oxon. 1641, formerly Bp. of Bristol] and my most loveing and ever honored Patron Harcourt Leighton of Plash esq^{r} to be overseers of this my last Will and Testament to whose fatherly and prudent counsells I comend my most deare wiefe and our three sonns the deare pledges of our Loyall love. In Witness hereof I have hereto put my hand and seale the day and yeare above written. JEREMY OKELEY.

Memorand, that JEREMY OAKELEY late Vicar of Cardington in the county of Salop, deceased, whilst he lived vizt. uppon or about 6 January 1657 declared these words following or words to the same effect vizt. whereas it hath pleased God to send me a daughter since the making of my last will and testament soe that I have made noe provision for her future livelyhood I doe give her all such sums of money which are due to

me. . . In the sight and hearing of divers and sundry credible witnesses viz. Bryan Ambler [p. 45], ROWLAND OAKELEY.

Proved at London 24 Feb. 1657/8 by the exec^{s}. named.

ROWLAND O. of O.

Having finished with Rowland's children, we will next record his will.

Will of ROWLAND OAKELEY of OAKELEY, A.D. 1622, Sept. In the name of God and his holy feare. Amen. the daie of yeare above written I ROWLAND OAKELEY of OAKELEY in the countie of Sallopp and pische of Bishops Castle graciouslie visited in my body of the lord wth tollerable weakness for my sinnes but comfrted in my soule wth firm pfẽcon of judgment w^{t}hout any diminucon of reason and understandinge whereby I have learned (I thank God) in a considerable measure of true knowledge and fathe grounded in his holy words the means of my salvacion namelie hartie repentance towards god for all my sinnes secrett and open wth a true thoughe weake faithe in the onlie meritts and mediacon of Christ and noe other angells nor saintes: for in him alone and noe other I beleeve salvacon to remayne and therefore doe *** acknowledge him onlie to be my wisedome righteousness sanctificacon and redempson for soule and bodie and doe for the same give humbley and thankfullie unto him all the glorie and as his redeemed one resigne and comend myself wholie into his hands assured by faith to be p̃taker wth him of eternall salvacon in that daie of his returne in glory and in the meantyme I appointe my body to be decentlie buried in a confdant assurance of a joyfull resurreccon unto glorie and doe humblie crave that hee will accept this my resignacon in pfect memorie as my last will and testamt not to be revoked

If in any weaknes of memorie th(r)oughe sickness should happen to contradict any p^{te} of this my nowe resignacon I humblie crave it may not be layde to my chardge but this my hartie consession and faithful posession may be accepted and ratified concerning my wordlie estate wch god in mercie hath vouchsafed I dispose in maner followinge. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Marie my wief my dwellinge house wth all the lands in OAKLEY ancientlee belonging to the same during her widdowes estate and further in consideracon that she shall compentenlie in her owne discrecon maintaine my daughters Mary and Martha wth meate drink appell and loding I give and bequeath unto her during her widdowhood all those lands in OAKELEY wch I purchased fr Edward Gwillim [p. 43] and after this estate ended nowe granted to my wief my will is that all the said lands shall descend unto RICHARD OAKELEY my sonne and his heires for ever I^{tm} I give to Mr Stephens xx*s* wth desire that hee shall bestowe for instruconds of ye people a penny at my funerall I^{tm} I give unto Mr Stephens a cassock clothe of frizadoe I^{tm} I give unto my brother Mr Morrice Taner [he was father of John Tanner who md. Judith d. of Rowland O.] xx*s* and to his wief my sister an ell of lawne I^{tm} to my sonne in law John Taner his choyse of all my colts and my best suite of appell wholy I^{tm} to my daughter Judith his wief iij*l* vj*s* viij*d*, to buy her a gowne I^{tm} I give unto my sonne Jhn my best cloake I^{tm} I give

unto my sister Ann Goughe xx*s* I^{tm} I give unto my grandchildren Richard and Thomas Tanner my white heifer betweene them equallie I^{tm} I give to either of my daughters Mary and Martha a feather bedd wth the ordinairie furniture nowe thereto belonginge and therewth used I^{tm} to either of them a brasse pot and brasse pan either to be bought by my Executor or else of those nowe readie in the house at ye choice of my wief I^{tm} I give unto the poore xx*s* where of x*s* to the poore of the towne to be added unto that wch Mr Blundon [the Blundens were the principal family of B.C. in the first half of the 17th cy.] give to the poore of the towne and ye other x*s* to be added to the stocke for ye poore of the pishe I^{tm} I give and bequeath unto every of my servants iij*s* iiij*d* I^{tm} all the rest of my goods cattles and chattels moveable and unmoveable I bequeath to the payment of my debts a catalogue whereof my sonne Richard hath in keeping and ye overplus thereof I give and appointe and to be devided at the discrecon of myne executor betweene my wief and five children (vizt.) Samuell, John, Jeremy Mary and Martha and meaning the best pte of all unto my wief. I^{tm} I ordaine constitute and appointe my sonne RICHARD OAKELEY sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and alsoe my lovinge frynds Mr Stephens and Mr Morris Tanner overseers hereof. In the presence of W. Gival Stephens Morrice Tanner

ROWLAND OAKELEY

[With reference to the Ann Goughe.] The will of Eliz. Gough of B. Castle (Hereford Probate 1669) widow mentions "my coz OAKLEY, overseer of my will."

Before we proceed, we will insert two interesting records of those times. Who the OKELEYS were is unknown.

[Extracts from a paper on Coston (*vide* p. 8) (Coston Hall is close to Clunbury) by H. T. Weyman, F.S.A.: transactions Shrop. Arch. Socy., 4 series, vol. iii, p. 37.]

In the year 1599 proceedings were taken by Thomas Coston to determine whether a mesuage and land in Coston belonged to Thomas Coston, or in the alternative whether they were not part of the property of the late Priory of St. John of Jerusalem. The allegation was that on the suppression of the Religious houses this property had been "concealed." "The oldest inhabitants then as now were witnesses." "It will be seen that they raise very interesting questions as to . . . the right of Sanctuary &c." "George Harries of Abcott Salop, yeoman, aged 86 saith 'Deponent did heare in owld tyme that one OKELEY having killed a man did take sanctuary att the same howse whoe there contynued for a space and afterwards escaped thence.'" "Henry Birde of Clunbury aged 93 saith that above 60 years ago [*circ.* 1530] before the dissolution of priories twoe young men bothe of them surnamed OKELEY cam unto Clunbury where this deponent hath dwelled by all his lyffe tyme, beinge abowte one myle distant from Coston, in which town of Clunbury the Vicar or Curate there (being of kyndred to the said OKELEYS) [very interesting: *vide* p. 8. Richd. O. of O. married Eliz. d. of John Coston de C. The Vicars of

Clunbury were 1503 Hugh ap Meredyth 1534 John ap David] was resydent, at which time and place the said OKELEYS did discover unto the s^d^ Vicar that they stood in doubte that they had kylled a man, or words to that effect, and requested the sayd Vicars ayde to have some place of sanctuarye; whereupon the saide Vicar and the said OKELEYS went ymediately towords the howse in varyance in Coston, being a place then reputed of Sanctuary and saithe that on the morrowe after yt was towlde this deponent that the said OKELEYS at the howse of the said Sanctuarye stayed and tooke sanctuarye but the tyme of there contynuance there this deponent cannot declare."

" Hoc tempore coepit Deus nos castigare acri sua castigatione ita ut 174 homines et pueri, gravissimo et violentissimo morbo, et contagio pestilentiae correpti mortem obierunt. Sic uisum est Deo, nos affligere quia intanta messe et praedicutione verbi sui justos et sanctos fructus spiritus non protulerimus sed verbo Dei spreto, sanctum sabbatum uiolarimus xxiiij° enim Junii qui fuit dies dominica majores ploerique et inhabitantes huius Burgi consentierunt ut nundinae eo die servarentur, quo circa in ipso scelere ut fures deprehensi sunt." Then follows 7 burials in June, 53 in July, 81 in August, 28 in September, and 4 in October, after the 21st of which month occurs this entry: " Hoc tempore (Deo miserante) cessabit contagium." We may gather from this that in 1593 despite the protest of the Vicar, the inhabitants of Bishop Castle insisted on holding their fair on June 24th as usual, although that day fell on a Sunday, that thereupon the plague broke out, the contagion being very possibly brought by some of those who attended the fair, and carried off 174 persons before it ceased in October. The following passage in the Harl. MSS. 7517 probably refers to this Visitation: " When there was a fearfull plague at Bishop's Castle, he preached in the field & caused the sound to take the benefit of the wind apart from the infected and went about the Towne exhorting the sicke at their windows and causing plentifull relief to be brought them out of the country, and the Lord preserved him and his Family safe."

[Shrop. Archael. transactions, vol. ix, p. 319, Bishops Castle Register.]

[Seven members of the family were buried Aug.-Oct. 1593 B.C.]

[Uncertain.] " Indenture between Andrew Blunden of the Middle Temple, London esquire of the one part and Elice Walcott and JOHN OKELEY of the other part for the levying by Andrew to the other parties of a fine of his water corn-mill and three acres of land in Widbache [Woodbatch, west of B. C.] to the use of the said Andrew his heirs and assigns." Signed and sealed by all parties. Of JOHN OKELEY'S seal only about a quarter remains. It seems to show part of a small long shaped shield with something like an anchor or crossbow on it but it is not distinct [possibly fleur-de-lys].

[Harl. MS. 40855, 2 Dec., 39 Eliz. (1596).]

We now come to

RICHARD OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

Born about 1587: died 26 Sept. 1653, and was buried at Launton, Oxon. An excellent account of him by the well-known antiquarian the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, Oxon Vicarage, Shrewsbury, is appended. Richard appears to have at first thrown himself wholeheartedly into the King's Cause; but later on, partly it seems on account of the Royal forces plundering his estate, partly no doubt perforce, he became lukewarm. Receiver General Westminster Abbey.

EXTRACTS FEET OF FINES

21 James j. Trinity Term.

A.D. 1623.
June 8-29.

Final concord made in three weeks from Holy Trinity 21 James j.

RICHARD OAKELEY, gentleman, plaintiff.

Reginald George and Mary, his wife, and Richard Potter, deforciants.

Thirty acres of land, ten acres of pasture, in OAKELEY.

Reginald, Mary, and Richard quitclaim the premises from themselves, and the heirs of Reginald, and of Richard Potter, to RICHARD OAKELEY; for 60*l.*

2 Charles j. Trinity Term.

A.D. 1626.
June 5.

Final concord made on the morrow of Holy Trinity, 2 Charles j.

RICHARD OKELEY, esquire, plaintiff.

Philip Gwilliam otherwise OKELEY and Elizabeth, his wife deforciants.

One mesuage, one barn, one toft, one garden, twenty acres of land, six acres of meadow, ten acres of pasture, three acres of wood in OKELEY.

Philip and Elizabeth quitclaim the premises to Richard from themselves and the heirs of Philip; for 41*l.*

4 Charles j. Trinity Term.

A.D. 1628.
June 8-15.

Final Concord made in the Octave of Holy Trinity 4 Charles j.

RICHARD OAKELEY, esquire, William Crowther and JOHN OAKELEY, gentleman, plaintiffs.

Walter Brooke, esquire, and Dorothy, his wife, Nicholas Fortescue, knight. George Brooke, gentleman, and Oliver Whoorwood, gentleman, deforciants.

The manor of Ledham, otherwise Ledom, and ten mesuages, ten cottages, twenty gardens, two hundred acres of land, fifty acres of meadow, one hundred acres of pasture, twenty acres of moor, and 20*s* of rent in Ledham, otherwise Ledom, and the advowson of the church.

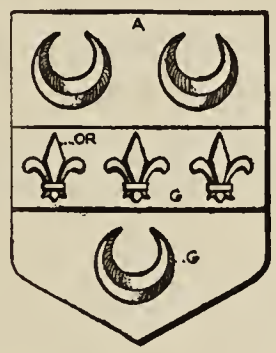
The deforciants quitclaim the premises to the plaintiffs, and the heirs of Richard, from themselves and the heirs of Walter, Nicholas, George and Oliver, with clause of warranty against Basil Brooke, knight, and

George Brooke, esquire, and their heirs, and the heirs of Robert Brooke, knight, and Richard Brooke, esquire, deceased; for 300*l.*

A.D. 1641 LEA AND OAKELEY RICHARD OAKELEY, ESQ. £4: 0: 32*d.* RICHARD OAKELEY, Commissioner. [Lay Subs. Roll.]

RICHARD OCKLEY DE OCKLEY.

Harl. MS. 1457. Crest blank.



Catalogue, an arms book in large folio all written and tricked with escocheons by Mr John Saunders the Painter-Stainer: Title page arms of the Shropshire Gentry with some crests: no date (late 17th Century).

RICHARD married twice: (1) Mary sister of John Combes of Gray's Inn, (2) Margaret, daughter of Christopher Wormall of Lambeth, who died 5 Aug. 1671, and was buried at Launton. By his first wife, he had the following children:

1. MARY: b. 3 July: bp. 15 July 1624 West^{r}. Abbey: d. 24 March 1632: bd. at Launton.

2. MARTHA who married Richard Owen of Rhusayson, Co. Mont^{y}.

3. JOHN: bp. in Westminster Abbey 15 Sept. 1629. Died young.

4. WILLIAM OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

5. MARY married John Newton of Heightley (by Chirbury), d. at the Moat, buried at Chirbury, Nov. 22, 1707; she had a son Henry mentioned in WILLIAM O. of O.'s Will [p. 72].

6. MARGARET: bp. at B. C. 11 Aug. 1635: married Thomas Crump of Ludlow [p. 48]. She had a son John mentioned in WILLIAM O. of O.'s will [p. 72].

7. RICHARD: bp. 18 June 1637: bd. at B. C. 19 June 1637.

8. ROWLAND: b. 8 Oct. 1638: became a merchant at Hamburgh. He had a daughter Mary, born 1678.

[William O. of O.'s will, p. 73.]

Possibly the Maria who died at Launton, Mch. 11, 1723 & was supposed to haunt the Manor House "clad in her usual costume with a high crowned hat on her head, & mittens on her hands."

[Dunkins *History of Bicester.*]

9. EDWARD: bp. 12 Ap. 1640: probably died young.

10. JUDITH who married Edward Herbert of Penyarth, Co. Merioneth 1666. Bd. at B. C. Oct. 12, 1671.

"A.D. 1660 255/22 MRS JUDITH OAKELEY 0-1-0."

[Lay Subs. Roll.]

11. ANNE.

Hulbert's *History of Shrops.*, vol. ii, has "Knight of the Shire for Co. Salop. 1661 SIR RICHARD OAKELEY Bart"; this is even more inaccurate than other historical references to the family. Richard died 1653.

It probably is an error for William, who was nominated for the intended "Knights of the Royal Oak"; but the Order did not materialize: gratitude was never a special characteristic of the Stuarts!

26 Nov. Parliamentholden: 11 James 1613: 4 Dec.

MR. RICHARD OAKELEY, 9 New Inn, gent, son and heir apparent of ROWLAND OAKELEY of OAKELEY, Shrop., bound with Mess^s^. John Inkersoll and George Blincoe.

[Middle Temple Records.]

"MRS. MARGARET OAKELEY who having religiously passed the dayes of her pilgrimage here and in every relation of daughter, sister, wife, neighbour, freind, manifested herself to be a reall and exemplary Christian changed this mortal to putt on immortality the fift day of August 1671. Sowne in weaknesse Raised in power."

[MS. in Bodleian Liby.]

"THE SEQUESTRATION PAPERS OF RICHARD OAKELEY OF OAKELEY.

EDITED BY THE REV. W. G. D. FLETCHER, M.A., F.S.A.

RICHARD OAKELEY of OAKELEY, near Bishop's Castle, was in July, 1646, fined £460 as a delinquent, his offence being that he had acted as a commissioner for raising moneys to maintain the royalist forces, and had furnished a dragoon for that service. He suffered severely, for he states that all his lands were assessed to pay contributions on both sides and moreover, that all his personal estate was seized and converted to the use of the State. He was, too, considerably in debt, his debts amounting to the large sum of £2,701. He did not live to see the Restoration, but died in September, 1653.

The family of OAKELEY, is of very great antiquity in the county of Salop, and derives its name from ACLICHE (or OAKELEY), a member of the manor of Lydbury North, which belonged to the See of Hereford. As early as 1203 STEPHEN DE ACLE occurs as a Visor to take the evidence of William de Plowden, who was sick and unable to attend the autumn Assizes. This STEPHEN DE ACLE may have been ancestor of the OAKELEYS of Oakeley.* There was another family of the same name who held lands under Shrewsbury Abbey at Norton in Hales in the 12th and 13th century, but they took their name from OAKELEY in the Staffordshire

* Eyton's *Antiquities*, xi, 222.

parish of Muckleston.* It is curious that STEPHEN DE ACHLETH, or DE OCLE, of Norton in Hales, was a contemporary of STEPHEN DE ACLE living in 1203.

It is noticeable that the families of Plowden, Walcot and OAKLEY, all bore fleurs-de-lys in their coats of arms, and Eyton suggests that they derived these from the Bishops of Hereford, who were the Suzerains of all three families, and whose arms were charged with certain fleurs-de-lys.† All these Coats probably originated at the time of the Crusade, to which the representatives of the three families went as vassals of the Bishop of Hereford.

There is a pedigree of OCKLEY of Ockley (or OAKELEY) printed in the Harleian Society's *Visitation of Shropshire*, pp. 376-377. It begins with JOHN OCKLEY of Ockley, ninth in descent from whom was WILLIAM OCKLEY, who married Alice, daughter of John Maddockes. The pedigree, however, was not entered up by the representative of the family in 1623, so it is not at present possible accurately to connect the royalist officer with the OCKLEYS of the earlier Visitations, but from the identity of estate and arms, he unquestionably belonged to the same family. The OAKELEYS did enter their pedigree at the last Visitation of Shropshire in 1663-4, but did not then prove their right to arms, so " n.p.", *i.e.*, *nulla probatio* (no proof) is entered in the Heralds' Books against the OAKELEY pedigree.

RICHARD OAKELEY was the eldest son and heir of ROWLAND OAKELEY of Oakeley, by his wife Mary, daughter of William Crowther of Betson, co. Salop. ROWLAND OAKELEY, who was buried at Bishop's Castle, 28 October, 1622, had issue four sons and three daughters:

1. RICHARD, the royalist officer.

2. SAMUEL, a merchant in London, died 27 February, 1638, buried at Launton, Oxfordshire.

3. JOHN, of Westminster, and Fawley Court, Bucks, and of Launton, Oxfordshire.

4. JEREMIAH, M.A. Balliol College, Oxford, born 1608, rector of Myndtown 1634, and vicar of Cardington 1638.

1. JUDITH, married 28 Feb., 1613, John Taner of Bishop's Castle.

2. MARY, married 20 Jan., 1624, ROWLAND OAKLEY of Pentrenant.

3. MARTHA, married John Ambler, clerk, M.A. Magdalen College, Oxford, rector of Lydham 1636, but expelled in 1643. She was buried at Lydbury, 18 August, 1662.

Of the date of Richard's birth, or the school at which he was educated, nothing is known. But he was born at OAKELEY about the year 1588, and he seems to have become a Postmaster of Merton College, Oxford,‡ and to have been called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in Michaelmas Term, 1621. He tells us, however, that " he hath followed other imploy-

* Eyton, ix, 367.

† Eyton, ix, 219, 222.

‡ There is no record of RICHARD OAKELEY at Merton College, and his name does not appear in Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses*. But Sir James Whitelocke's testimony is clear.

ments and hath not made that his profession." He was, in fact, in the employment of Sir James Whitelocke, then recorder of Woodstock and M.P. for New Woodstock, and afterwards Chief Justice of Chester and Judge of the King's Bench, from the summer of 1609 until July, 1621. In 1619, when he "went into Commons in the Temple to study," he was Deputy Court Keeper for Whitelocke, and Clerk of the Peace for Westminster. On 10 July, 1621, he was appointed secretary to Dr. John Williams, Keeper of the Great Seal, afterwards Archbishop of York. In January, 1623-4, he was appointed a Member of Parliament for Bishop's Castle with Sir Robert Howard, but was only in parliament for fifteen months, as in April, 1625, William Blunden was elected. In 1624-5 he was appointed Recorder of Bishop's Castle, and held this office until his death, when he was succeeded by Thomas Powys. On 27 January, 1625-6, he had a patent from the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, as Receiver-General and Solicitor of The Abbey. This was renewed, 7 December 1626, to him and his brother JOHN OAKELEY jointly.*

Sir James Whitelocke in his *Liber Famelicus* (Camden Society), page 90, gives the following interesting notice of RICHARD OAKELEY: "I hold myself much beholding to John Williams Keeper of the Great Seal, for that the same day the Seal was delivered unto him he sent for my old Servant RICHARD OAKLEY and made him his Secretary. He came to me in Trinity Term 1609 by giving me a Latin Epistle being at that time a Postmaster of Merton College in Oxon and a good Scholar. During his service with me he was delightful faithful and loving to me, and spent his idle time in study of the law, being admitted of the Middle Temple, where having done all his exercises he was called to the Bar in Michaelmas term 1621, having been Secretary to the Lord Keeper from the 10 July before. He was born near Bishop's Castle in Shropshire upon an ancient demesne of his name called OAKLEY. His father is ROWLAND OAKLEY now living there."

On the outbreak of the Civil War, RICHARD OAKLEY became a zealous adherent of the royal cause, for which he "raised a dragoon" (presumably a troop of dragoons), and acted as a commissioner for raising money to maintain the royalist forces. He was one of the signatories to "The Ingagement and Resolution of the Principall Gentlemen of the County of Salop for the Raising and Maintayning of Forces at their own Charge," which was drawn up in 1642.† Beyond this we know nothing of his work, and there are no letters written by him still existing. In his particular he denies that he was active against the Parliament, or bore arms against them, but says that he contributed £100 to their use before Shrewsbury was taken. Moreover, he states that the King's party plundered his estate, and took him prisoner to the garrison at Ludlow.

The family pedigree states that he was married, first to Mary, sister of John Combes of Gray's Inn, and secondly to Margaret, daughter of

* Chester's *Westminster Abbey Registers*, p. 66.

† See *Transactions*, 2 series, vii, 254-5.

Christopher Wormall, of Lambeth, Co. Surrey. His second wife died without issue, 5 August, 1671, and was buried at Launton. By her Will she bequeathed most of her estate to her niece Jane Nedham and her children. (See *Westminster Abbey Registers*, page 263.) The statement made in the *Transactions*, 2nd Series, x. 45, that he married at Lydham on 13 February, 1631-2, Dorothy Bright, is probably incorrect, and relates to some other RICHARD OAKELEY.

By his first wife Mary he had five sons and six daughters:

1. JOHN, baptized at Westminster Abbey, 15 September, 1629, died young.

2. WILLIAM, his second son and heir, born about 1632, Sheriff of Shropshire 1660, M.P. for Bishop's Castle 1658-9, 1660, 1661, and 1678, J.P. in 1664, was one of the intended Knights of the Royal Oak, his estate then being valued at £800 a year. He married 1st Mary, daughter of Walter Waring of Owlbury, and 2ndly Barbara, daughter of John Walcot of Walcot, and died in January, 1694. His eldest son Richard was also Sheriff in 1724.

[See *Transactions*, 2 Ser., x, 50, and Blakeway's *Sheriffs of Shropshire*, pp. 132-3.]

3. RICHARD, bapt. 18 June, 1637, and buried 19 April, 1638, at Bishop's Castle.

4. ROWLAND, born 8 October, 1638, a merchant at Hamburg.

5. EDWARD, bapt. 12 April, 1640, probably died young.

1. MARY, born 3 July, and baptized at Westminster Abbey, 15 July, 1624, died 24 March, 1632-33, buried at Launton, Oxfordshire.

2. MARTHA, married Richard Owen of Rhusays, co. Montgomery.

3. MARY, married John Newton of Heightley, co. Salop.

4. MARGARET, bapt. 11 August, 1635, married Thomas Crump of Ludlow.

5. JUDITH, married Edward Herbert of Penyarth, co. Merioneth.

6. ANNE.

RICHARD OAKELEY died 26 September, 1653, and was buried at Launton, Oxfordshire, where in the chancel on a black marble stone on the ground was this inscription:

Arms: *On a fesse between* 3 *crescents* 3 *fleur-de-lis.*

Here lyeth the body
of Richard Oakeley of
Oakeley in the County of
Salop Esq. who departed
this life the 26 day of Septem.
1653.

This inscription is preserved in Harl. MS. 4170 in the British Museum, "Monumental Inscriptions in Oxfordshire, 1660"; and is printed in *Shropshire Notes and Queries*, vol. vi, p. 73, for 9 July, 1897. This inscrip-

tion is still visible on a flat stone which lies just outside the chancel of Launton Church.

Letters of Administration of the effects of RICHARD OAKELY late of Launton in the County of Oxon, Esquire, deceased, were granted at London on 16 January, 1653-4, to his son WILLIAM OAKELY. (P.C.C. Admons, 1653-4. 279 II.)

The Feet of Fines for the County of Salop have preserved the record of the conveyance of certain properties to RICHARD OAKELEY. In the year 1600 ROWLAND OAKELEY, gent., and others, conveyed tenements in Bishops Castle to RICHARD OAKELEY. In 1624, Reginald George and Mary his wife, and Richard Potter conveyed 20 acres of land and 10 acres of pasture in Oakeley to RICHARD OAKELEY, for £60. In 1626, Philip Gwilliam otherwise OKELEY and Elizabeth his wife, in consideration of £41, convey to RICHARD OKELEY, esq., 1 messuage, 1 barn, 1 toft, 1 garden, 20 acres of land, 6 acres of meadow, 2 acres of pasture, and 3 acres of wood in OKELEY. Finally in 1628, Walter Brooke, esq., and Dorothy his wife, Nicholas Fortescue, knight, George Brooke, gent., and Oliver Whorwood, in consideration of £300, conveyed to RICHARD OKELEY, esq., William Crowther, and JOHN OAKELEY, gent., the manor of Ledham otherwise Ledom, 10 messuages, 10 cottages, 20 gardens, 200 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 100 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 30 acres of furze and heath, 20 acres of moor, 20*s*. of rent, with the appurtenances in Ledham otherwise Ledom, and the advowson of the church there.

[Feet of Fines, Salop, Easter 42 Elizabeth, Trinity 21 James I, Trinity 2 Charles I, and Trinity 4 Charles I.]

Besides his fine as a delinquent, RICHARD OAKELEY was also assessed on 10 December, 1645, by the Committee for Advance of Money at £500. The ratio of the assessment was 1/20th of the real and 1/5th of the personal estate of the person assessed, and the object of the assessment was to supply the sinews of war to the Parliament party. On the 26th of December, OAKELEY deposited £250; but on the 12th of January following it was found that £150 was his proper assessment, and that £100 be returned to him.

[See *Calendar of the Committee for the Advance of Money*, Part II, p. 657.]

His second wife, Margaret, survived him, and dying 5 August, 1671, was interred by his side at Launton, where, on a flat stone just outside the chancel, the following inscription is still preserved:

To dye is Gain.
In the assured hope of obteyneing
a better resurrection unto life
Here lyes interred ye body of
MRS. MARGARET OAKELEY
widd: ye late wife of RICHARD

OAKELEY Esqr. & daughter of
Christopher Wormall Gent:
who haveing religiously
passed ye days of her Pilgrimage
here, & in every relation of Daughter,
Sister, Wife, Neighbour, Friend,
manifested her self to be a
reall & exemplary Christian
changed this mortal to put
on Immortality—the Fift day
of August 1671.
sown in weakness raised in Power.
when Christ who is our life shall appeare we shall
also appeare with him in Glory.

By her Will, which is dated 12 April, 1671, Mrs. MARGARET OAKELEY, of Lambeth, co. Surrey, widow, directed that she should be buried in the chancell of the parish church of Launton near to her late deare Husband. She left £10 to the poor of Launton; four messuages in the back Lane in Lambeth adjoining the George Yard and the White Lion Garden, to the parson and churchwardens of Lambeth, to provide bread for the poor, &c., and to apprentice children; a house in St. Paul's Churchyard to her cousin Rowland Jewkes; and houses in Lambeth, Fetter Lane, Nasing in co. Essex, and Peter Street, Westminster, to her cousin John Nedham of Westminster and Jane his wife, he to pay £100 each to his four daughters. She left £10 to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Newton, and various other specific bequests of silver plate, &c. She appointed Rowland Jewkes esq. and John Nedham gent. executors. The Will was proved in P.C.C. 5 August 1671 by the executors. [106 Duke.]

The modern house of OAKELEY, now called Lydham Manor, was erected in the 18th century, and a description of it is given in *County Seats of Shropshire*, p. 143, &c. It contains some old oak wainscoting, dated 1637, which was presumably brought from the old mansion, which is a short distance away, and is now used as a farmhouse. On the death of the late JOHN OAKELEY, Esq., in 1897, the OAKELEY estate was sold to Arthur Henry Sykes, Esq.

The Arms of OAKELEY are, *Argent on a fesse between three crescents gules as many fleur-de-lis or.*

SEQUESTRATION PAPERS

I. RICHARD OAKELEY *petitions for leave to compound.*

(G. 184, No. 46)

To the right hon^ble ye Comittee for composit'ons sitting in Goldsmiths hall.

The humble peticon of RICHARD OAKELEY Humbly sheweth that vppon informacon given to the Comittee of Sequestrac'ons att Westm^r y^t the

petic'oner sent out a warrant for raisinge a dragoone in the Countie of Salop is found a Delinquent and therevppon is sequestred in West^{m} and in the Countie of Salop.

The petic'oner doth humblie submitt himselfe and doth desire the benefitt of the ordinance of parliament to bee admitted to compound.

And hee shall ever praie &c.

II. *His name is entered as a Delinquent.*

(G. 184, No. 47)

29 November, 1645.

At the Comittee sitting at Goldsmiths Hall for entering the names &c. of Delinq^{ts}.

The bearer hereof Mr RICHARD OAKELEY Esqr appeared the day aboue said before the said Comittee and entored his name place of aboade and was examined according the Ordinance of Parliament.

Dated the thirtieth of November Anno Dom. 1645.

Geo. Heron Clerke
to the said Com^{tee}.

III. *His particular of his real and personal estate.*

(G. 184, No. 55)

A particuler of the lands and tenem^{ts} of the Petic'oner. Salop.

	£	s.	d.
Impr'is ye mannor of Liddom in ye Countie of Salop and one parcell in Moore purchased at ye value of C^{li} per ann. but now he cannot make above xl^{li} per ann. and paies Contribution to both sides wch amounts to more then can be made of it	100	0	0
Item one messuage in OAKELEY and one tenement in Broughton in the parish of Bishops Castle deducting xv^{s}quit rent	39	5	0
Item ye reverc'on after 30 yeeres of 2 tenem^{ts} in Totterton no rent reserved worth per ann.	16	0	0
Item ye reuerc'on after a lease of 27 yeeres in beinge no rent reserued of a farme in ye parish of Kerry in Com. Montgomery lett vppon the rack att C^{li} per ann. out of wch there is paid a fee forme rent of viii^{li} vi^{s} yeerlie to Henry ffox wch deducted comes to	91	13	4
Item one mess. and certein coppihold lands in Launton in com. Oxon per Ann. xx^{li} out of wch there is paid the quit rent of xxxiiii^{s} i^{d} yeerlie to Westm. colledge	18	5	11
Item, one Mess, and one yard of freehold yard in Launton aforesaid per Ann	20	0	0
Item one farme in Launton held of the colledg of Westm. by lease for 3 liues worth c^{li} per Ann out of wch there is re-			

	£	s.	d.
served yeerelie the old rent of iiii^{li} per Ann and a further rent of xxxvi^{li} xiij^{s} iij^{d} per Ann. to make provision of beeves and muttons in toto xl^{li} xiiij^{s} iiij^{d} yeerlie to be deducted... ...	109	6	8
Item one lease of xiiij yeeres to come from thann. next of certeine tithes in the parish of Llanlony in com. Carmarthen of which nothing hath been paid these 3 yeeres worth per ann ...	20	0	0

The petic'oner doth humbly desire this Committee to take these things followinge into their consideration in his composition.

ffirst that the petic'oner hath never been active against the parliament hee never bore Armes nor was in commission of arraye nor acted in any commission against the parliament nor sett out any horse or man against the parliament but on the contrarie hath don good offices for them, as Mr Langford the sollicitor for the Countri of Salop can testifie.

The peticoner before Shrewsbury was taken contributed c^{li} to the vse of the state as by certifficat appeares and sithence hath paid cl^{li} to the Comittee of Lords and Commons at Habberdashers Hall for his twentith part.

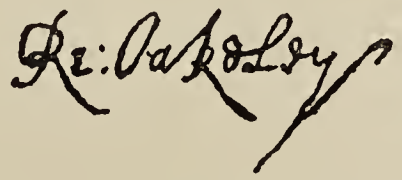
That all the before menioned lands paie contribution to both parties which amounts to more than the value of the land, and the lands in the Countie of Oxon lye wthin the kings quarters encompassed wth 4 strong garrisons of the kings viz Bostall wthin 3 miles Woodstocke wthin 7 miles Oxford wthin 9 miles and Banbury wthin ten miles, soe that a great part of the lands lie wast wthout tenants, And the peticoner hath not made one penny profitt for 3 yeares last past as by affidv^{t}. doth appeare, and is growne in debt for rent and contribution ccxxxiij^{li}.

The iust and due debts of the petitioner (as by a particuler thereof appeareth uppon oath) doe amount to above £3000 or the greate part thereof viz for the sum of £2138 the peticoners lands are ingaged the rest are due by specialties.

That all his personall estate was inventoried and seized to the vse of the state and wthin a month after he had compounded for it he was vtterlie plundered of it all by the kings partie and after taken prisoner to the garrison of Ludlow.

That he was sequestered in Westm. vppon a meere misinformacon and vppon that ground sequestered in the Countie of Salop.

ffor these reasons the petitioner doth humbly desire this hon^{ble} committee that he maie bee favoured in his composition accordinglie.



This is a true and iust particuler of all my estate reall and personall for wch I only desire to compound to free it out of sequestration & doe submitt

vnto & vndertake to satisfie such ffine as by this Committee for Composition wth Delinquents shalbe purposed & sett to pay for ye sume in order to the freedome of my personall estate. RI OAKELEY.

IV. *A particular of* RICHARD OAKELEY'S *debts.*

(G. 184, No. 53).

A perticuler of the proper debts of the petitioner due to seuerall persons as followeth.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis to Mris Elizabeth Owen to the vse of her 2 daught. Margrett and Susan due vppon a statute m'chant acknowledged before the bailies of Ludlow	1120	0	0
To MR. ROWLAND OAKELEY of Pentrenant in Com. Mountg. due 1 Nouem. last	300	0	0
To Mrs Elizabeth Needham of in the County of Suff. widdow due 1 Martii 1645	300	0	0
To Mr Richard Goland the sum of...	37	0	0
To MR JOHN OAKELEY due the 10 of March 1645 ...	405	0	0
To the Colledg of Westm. for farm rent due at th'ann. next for 3 yeares and halfe att xl^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} per ann and payable vppon forfeiture of the lease	142	6	8
To Mr Richard Owen of Rhusaison in Com. Montg. ...	200	0	0
More to MR ROWLAND OAKELEY	46	13	4
To Mr John Lloid of Shreusbury Draper cxl^{li} and to Mr Mathew Hardy citizen and salter of London x^{li} taken vp to paie the xxth part att Haberdashers Hall	150	0	0
	2701	0	0

RICHARD OAKELEY maketh oath that he is indebted (as his owne proper debts) to the parties above menconed the seuerall sums att their names appearing. And that he did securt the debt due to Mrs Owen by a statute merchant of the sume of £1500 acknowledged by this deponent before the bailies of Ludlow in the County of Salop bearing date in January or the beginning of ffebruary 1642 defeasance for ye paiement of £500 in November then next following and £500 more in November 1644 And that there is nowe due of that debt for principall and interest the above menconed sum of £1120 And that the above menc'oned sums of £300 due to ROWLAND OAKELEY and £300 due Elizabeth Needham, and £37 due to Mr Goland and £405 due to JOHN OAKELEY are secured by a lease for yeares made by the deponent of the farme of Launton and of one messuage and one yard of freehold land in Launton aforesaid (menconed in his perticuler) to JOHN OAKELEY and others bearing date in October 1643. And further saith that the aforesaid debts due to ROWLAND OAKELEY Elizabeth Needham and Mr Goland, were contracted and entered into by

the deponent for the purchase of his estate in the farme of Gworings menconed in his perticuler beinge in the parish of Kerry in the County of Montgomery.

RI. OAKELEY

Jurat. 20 Martii 1645,
Cora' me EDERIS FICH,

V. *His Affidavit that he was called to the Bar in* 1621, *but did not practise*

(G. 184, No. 52.)

RICHARD OAKELEY maketh oath that in the yeere 1621 he beinge then secretary to the Lord Keeper of the greate seale of England was for favor called to the barre, in the middle Temple London but that ever since he hath followed other imployments and hath not made that his profession.

RI. OAKELEY

Jurat. 20 ffebru. 1645,
Cora' me EDWARD FICH

VI. *The Commissioners' Report as to his delinquency and estate, etc.*

(G. 184, No. 43.)

RICHARD OAKELEY of OAKELEY in the
County of Salop Esqr.

This delinquent, That liveing in Shropshire vnder the power of the enemy he acted as a Comr for raising moneys to maintain the forces that were raised against the Parliam^{t}. and for assistinge that side and furnishinge a dragoone for that service.

He rendered himself in Nouember last and petitioned heere the 29th of Nouember 1645, he hath taken the National Couenant and Negatiue oath before the Com^{rs} of Examinacons 20th January 1645.

He compounds vpon a perticuler deliuered in vnder his hand by which he doth submitt to such ffine &c. and by which it doth appeare

That he seized in ffee to him and his heires of and in the Mannor of Liddom in the County of Salopp and of one parcell of Land in Moore lyinge in the same County all together of the cleere yeerely value before theis Troubles £100 for which his ffine is £200.

That he is likewised seized of a like estate in ffee to him and his heires in possession of and in one messuage and certaine Lands lyinge and beinge in OAKELEY and in another tenem^{te} in Broughton in the parish of Bps. castle which was of the cleere yeerely value before theis Troubles £39 5*s* for which his ffine is £78 10*s*.

That he is seized of a reuersion in ffee of two Tents. lyinge and beinge in Totterton in the County of Salopp, one Timothy Millward beinge in possession thereof for the Remaine of a Tearme of 30 yeeres yet in beinge at a pepper Corne his Reuertion expectant after this Tearme will be worth £16 per ann. for which his ffine is £16.

That he hath a Reuersion after a Lease of 27 yeeres yet to come for which tyme there is no rent reserued of and in a certaine ffarme lyinge in the parish of Kerry in the County of Montgomery of the cleere yeerely value before theis troubles £91 13 4 for which his ffine is £91 13*s* 4*d*.

That he is seized in ffee to him and his heires in possession of a Copyhold estate lyinge and beinge in Launton in the County of Oxford of the cleere yeerely value before theis Troubles, £18 5*s* 11*d* for which his ffine is £36 11*s* 10*d*.

That he is seized in ffee to him and his heires in possession of and in one yard of ffreehold Land lyinge and beinge in the Towne of Launton aforesaid of the cleere yeerely value before theis Troubles £20 for which his ffine is £40.

That he is seized of a ffrankten[t]. duringe three liues of certain other Lands and Tent[s]. lyinge and beinge in Launton aforesaid held of the Colledge of Westm. which was of the cleere yeerely value before theis troubles ouer and above the rent reserued £109 6 8*d*. for which his ffine is £164.

That he is in possession of a certain tearme of the remaine of 13 yeeres yet to come which he holdeth by demise of the nowe Archbishop of Yorke lyinge in Langlony in the County of Carmarthen in the Dominion of Wales which is worth £20 per ann. over and above the rent reserued for which his ffine at a yeeres value is £20

The whole ffine is £646 5*s* 2*d*.

That before the takinge in of Shrewsbury he contributed £100 to the vse of the State

That all his Lands at this tyme doe lye vnder the enemies Garrisons and do pay contribution on both sides

That he is indebted £2701

That all his personall estate is seized and conuerted to the vse of the State.

fine £460.

VII. *Note as to his being assessed at £460.*

(A. 69, p. 128.)

December 10th, 1645

London	Notice given	Sums Assessed	Payed in
RICHARD OAKELEY Esq	Dec. 10	£500	£15
Collected £350.			

VIII. *Order that he make up the moiety of his Assessment*

(A. 4, p. 368.)

Dec. 24, 1645.

Ordered that MR OAKLEY do make vpp the moiety of his assessm[t]. & then bee further heard.

IX. *Order that his Assessment be respited fourteen days.*

(A. 76, p. 899.)

Dec 26, 1645.

Ordered that the Assessm^{t} of RICH. OAKLEY Esqr. be respited 14 daies having deposited the moyety les £250. E. 128 to be further paid.

X. *Order that he produce proof of having paid his 5th and 20th part.*

(A. 4, p. 383.)

Jan 9, 1645.

Ordered that MR OAKELEY be referred to make affidt. and haue forty daies to produce his acq^{ts} of that he hath paid for his 5th and 20th part in Shropshire.

XI. *Order that he be repaid £150.*

(A. 4, p. 386.)

Jan 12, 1645.

Whereas RICHARD OAKELEY Esq, in pursuance of an order of this Com^{tee} paid our Treasurers on ffith part & hath taken affid^{t} that the hundred and fifty pounds is his whole part except £3000 debts which he hath deliuered in a perticuler to whom he owes it

Ordered that he have the One hundred pounds of the said £250 repaid him & he prayeth [?] discharge for the residue.

XII. *Order that he be discharged from attending the Committee, he having taken the Negative Oath and the National Covenant.*

(G. 184, No. 49.)

20 January 1645.

At ye Comittee of ye house
of Com'ons for examinac'ons

It is this day ordered that MR RICHARD OKELEY be forth wth discharged from further attendance on this Comittee He having taken ye New Oath and Nationall Covenant.

ROBT LYS

XIII. *He is fined £460.*

(G. 3, p. 178.)
22 July 1646

RICHARD OAKLEY of OAKELEY in Com. Salop Esqr ffine £460.

(G. 1, p. 139.)

18 August 1646

ffines past the house
RICHARD OAKLEY £460.

COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCE OF MONEY.

RICH. OAKLEY.

10 December 1645, Assessed at £500. (Vol. 69, p. 128.)
24 December 1645, Ordered to make up half his assessment. (Vol. 4, p. 368.)
26 December, 1645, Having deposited £250, respited, and to be further heard. (Vol. 76, p. 899.)
7 January, 1646, Ordered to make his affidavit, and allowed 40 days to produce his acquittances of what he has paid in Shropshire for his 1/5 and 1/20. (Vol. 4, p. 383.)
12 January, 1646, Order on his Affidavit that £150 is his full proportion, except for £3000 debts, that £100 of the £250 that he has paid in be returned him, and the Public Faith be given for the £150. (Vol. 4, p. 386, and Vol. 69, p. 128.)

WILLIAM OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

Born about 1632: Sheriff 1660: M.P. for B. C. 1658, 59, 60, 61, and 1678. One of the intended "Knights of the Royal Oak," having an estate of £800 a year. Educ. Westminster (*circa* 1648), Balliol, Oxf.

He died on Jan. 28, 1694, and was buried at B. C. on the 31st.

He married twice.

(a) MARY daughter of Walter Waring of Owlbury: she was born Sept. 7, 1639, and was buried at B. C. July 16, 1668. She had one child

JANE born Dec. 26, 1667: died July 17, 1668.

(b) BARBARA eldest daughter of John Walcot of Walcot and Elizabeth d. of Sir George Clerke, K^{t}. of Watford: she was married at Lyd. North, March 24, 1680. After William's death she married Sir William Gresley of Drakelowe (at that time William Gresley) on Sept. 2, 1696 at B. C. She died Ap. 10, 1724 and was buried at B. C. The body was disinterred 187–, when her wig surrounded by a wreath of laurel leaves was found perfect.

By her first husband she had:

1. RICHARD OAKELEY, of OAKELEY.

2. JOHN, b. Ap. 4, bp. 10, 1683: at B. C.: Middle Temple: d. without issue 1717/18. King's Scholar, Westminster, 1698. Emmanuel Coll., Camb., 1699-1700. Called to Bar 1715.

3. BARBARA, b. Aug. 12, bp. 22, 1686: at B. C.: married at B. C. Jan. 9, 1705 Thomas Downes of Purslow: she had three daughters.

4. SAMUEL: born May 23, bp. July 5, 1685, at B. C.

5. CHARLES: born March 29: bp. Ap. 8, 1688, at B. C.: (?)d. 1692

6. ELIZABETH: bp. Aug. 11, 1689, at B. C.: d. coelebs 1751. B^{d}. at B. C.

7. WILLIAM, of Steverton [South of Ludlow], from whom the younger branch is descended: we shall deal with him later.

Extracts re WILLIAM O. of O.

A.D. 1660. 255/22. 12 Charles II. Poll tax for disbanding forces.

LEA ET OAKELEY.

W^M^. OAKELEY, Esq. £4 0 0.

(Payes the rest in Oxfordshire.)

A.D. 1661. 168/214. 13 Charles II. Collections taken under an "Act for a fre and voluntary present to his Maiesty." [!]

"WILL OAKELEY" signs as one of the collectors of eighteen large subscriptions taken on Sept. 3, 13 Ch. II.

A.D. 1663. 255/24. Hearth money.

WILLIAM OAKELEY, esquire, Justice of the Peace, signs as "W^M^. OAKLEY"; "WILLIAM OAKELEY"; "WILL OAKELEY."

A.D. 1674. 168/216. Hearth money.

LIDOME.

WILLIAM OAKELEY, Esq. £7 00 14.

LEA ET OAKELY.

WILLIAM OAKELY Esq. £11 01 2.

[Lay Subs. Rolls.]

1651. OAKELEY, WILLIAM, arm: Balliol Coll: matric. 25 June 1651: of OAKELEY, Salop: Sheriff 1660, student of Middle Temple 1650 (as son and heir of Richard, of London and the Middle Temple) M.P. Bishops Castle 1659, 1660, 1661-78, 1678-9 and 1690 until his death about the end of 1694; father of Richard 1698.

[Alumni Oxon. 1500-1714.]

Sheriffs of Shropshire (Hughes).

The family has been seated at OAKELEY, formerly called Fir Grove, from a remote period. ROWLAND OAKELEY married Mary, daughter of William [should be John] Crowther, born about 1550, Esq., of Betson [Bedstone] Co. Salop. Richard, M.P. 1623 Bishops Castle, a distinguished supporter of the Royal cause, died 1658 [should be 1653].

WILLIAM OAKELEY 1660 M.P. Bishops Castle married (1) Mary second daughter of Walter Waring of Owlbury, Co. Salop, no issue [wrong: one daughter], (2) Barbara Walcot eldest daughter of Charles [should be John] Walcot of Walcot by Anne, daughter of James, 1st Duke of Chandos [all wrong].

[Harleian MS. 2119.]

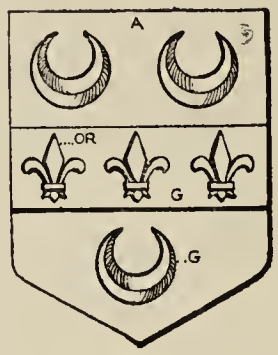
The names of such Esquires as entred their Descents & Armes in the Visitation of Shropshire a° 1663 (some of them having that title as Justices of the Peace).

WILLM OAKELEY of OAKELEY, Esq. Justice. 32. 6 Sept. 64 Pedigrees: written within severall Books of Deeds, which are there to be found according to the seuerall books as they pedigrees are alphabetically marked.

OCKLEY 2 Æ 112.

[Taken from the beginning of the volume, but nothing answering them can be found in the book itself.]

Harleian MS. 6110, m. 3, 31 Salop 1623. Arms of W^M^. OCKELEY are given.



Catalogue. Arms of Families in Shropshire, 4 fo. Title page Salopia 1623.

Will of WILLIAM OAKELEY of OAKELEY in Bishops Castle, Esq., dated 29 March 1692. P.C.C. 101 Irby.

I bequeath to my wife the wood called the Lea Wood lying near OAKELEY house where I now dwell and two parcels of ground called Leawood meadow and Rommers also near OAKELEY for 99 years on condition that she fells no trees, nor does other damage. To my son John £1000. To my sons William, Samuell, and Charles £1000 each. To my daughters Barbara and Elizabeth £1200 each. All of which money is to be raised out of my estate in Oxfordshire and a lease of an office given me by Sir Andrew King, K^nt^. deceased [mentioned in ANDREW OAKELEY'S (of Shrewsbury) Will 1681]. The said estate in Lawnton, Co. Oxford and my other lands in Oxfordshire together with the lease of the said office I leave in trust for 20 years to my nephew Henry Newton, Esq [p. 57] my brother-in-law George Walcott merchant, my kinsman John Needham of Westminster Esq. and my nephew John Crump gentleman [p. 57] to raise the said portions. And when my sons shall attain the age of fifteen and my daughters eighteen some lands shall be purchased respectively for each of them and when they are twenty one the said legacies shall be paid them. I desire my son John to be brought up for the Law, my son William in physic, Samuel in Divinity, and Charles to what he himself most approves. I give to my wife my farm in Bishops Castle called the Lea and the rents and duties payable out of my messuages and lands in Lyddom in the several tenures of Charles Bright, Charles Howells, William Vaughan, Thomas Vaughan, formerly in the possession of Thomas Vaughan, Robert Betchcott, Langley Cooper, Thomas Vaughan, one Sandford, Thomas Ellis, Thos. Bright, Edward Richards, Griffith Merricke and James Mellings; and out of the farm and lands in Broughton in Bishops Castle now in the possession of Edward Baxter; and out of the messuages and lands in Bishops Castle in the occupation of David Morris, George Mason, widow, Thomas and John Roberts: and out of my messuages and lands in Totterton, Co Salop, in the several tenures of JEREMY OAKELEY, Edw

Wilkes and William Hotchkis; and out of the messuages in Eyton, Co Salop, in the tenure of George Bright. My wife shall hold my said farm called The Lea for seventeen years in trust to maintain my children whilst they are under fifteen and eighteen respectively I bequeath to my eldest son Richard the estate called The Lea and my lands in Oxfordshire after the determination of the estates herein before limited. To my niece MARY OAKELEY [p. 57], daughter of my brother Rowland £200, when she shall attain the age of twenty five, and £5 yearly until that time. To my servant at OAKELEY, William Smith £5 yearly. To William Oliver of Launton my servant £5 yearly. If my wife shall marry again, she shall pay £500 in trust for my younger children. I desire my son Richard, after the death of John Roberts the elder of Bishops Castle my servant to permit his son John Roberts to hold the messuage and lands near the Mote mountains wherein John Roberts the elder now lives with reversion to my servant Mary Roberts sister of John Roberts the younger. I give to Jane Browne my servant two guineas and to Richard Thomas my servant 40*s* To my other servants 20*s* each. I give to Jeremiah Browne of Bishops Castle 40*s* yearly while he assists my executrix in the management of her affairs and 20*s* more yearly in case there shall be no lawsuits touching my will. *Executrix* My wife (Barbara) *Overseers* my father-in-law John Walcott. *Witnesses* John Walcott, ROBERT OAKELEY, Richard Jeffreys, Esay Thomas, WILLIAM OAKELEY, William Faulkner.

Proved on the 27th. June 1695 by BARBARA OAKELEY, relict and executrix.

" WILLIAM OAKELEY of OAKELEY in the parish of Bishops Castle was grandson of ROWLAND OAKELEY of the same place, who died October 1622. His son neglected to enter his pedigree at the Heralds Visitation of the following year, perhaps because he was absent on official duty, for he represented the Borough of Bishops Castle in Parliament. Owing to this omission, we are unable to connect his line with the OCKLEYS (as the name was then written) of former Visitations, who however from identity of estate and arms are unquestionably the very same family.

The Plowdens are said to have acquired their arms, the fleur-de-lis at the siege of Acre 1194: the OAKELEYS may have accompanied their neighbours on the same expedition, and then to have gained the fleur-de-lis, and crescents, or those last may have been borrowed, as has been supposed, from the Northern family of Ogle: this is all conjecture, but it is clear the family is of remote ancestry."

[Blakeways, *Sheriffs of Shropshire*, 1831.]

Note: the Arms of the Ogles of Pinchbeck, Co. Lincoln, are *Argent on a fess between* 3 *crescents gules each including a fleur de lis* (*of the second*). Seal of Thomas Ogle 1568. [J. B. Nicholls, *Collections*.]

In March 1656: Michaelmas there was a Feet of Fines case between W^{m}. Billingsley, Danl. Betton, and W^{M}. OAKELEY Plaintiffs, and Thomas Morris and Jane his wife and Andrew Blunden deforciants in Bishops Castle, Abcott, & Lydom, one mesuage &c.: £100.

Writ dated 12 December 1654.

WILLIAM OAKELEY esquire, Charles Hughes, gentleman and 9 others [named], Complainants.

RICHARD RICKAS and others [named], defendants.

Relates to lands called Carrwood and the Rayles, in the Manor of Hopesay, Co. Salop; in which lands the defendants, as copyholders in the said manor, claim rights of common.

The Manor belonged to the late Sir Robert Howard, deceased, who it is stated in April 1652 in consideration of £600, conveyed the ground called Carrwood to RICHARD OAKELEY, esquire, father to the plaintiff WILLIAM OAKELEY, to the use of the said RICHARD OAKELEY, his heirs and assigns for ever. The said RICHARD OAKELEY died in September 1653, and the said lands descended unto the said William as his son and heir.

Mentions AMBROSE OAKELEY, gentleman, as one of the Witnesses present at the execution of livery & seisin of certain messuages.

[Chancery Depos., Mitford 685/14 686/31.]

We now come to William O. of O.'s eldest son

RICHARD OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

He was born on January 16th, and baptized at B. C. Jan. 22, 1681: he died at OAKELEY Feb. 16, 1738: buried at B. C.

"1698 OAKELEY, RICHARD s. WILLIAM of OAKELEY, Salop, arm, Balliol Coll: matric: 4 May 1698, aged 16, of OAKELEY, Sheriff 1724, died 1738."

[Alumni Oxon. 1500-1714.]

"RICHARD OAKELEY. High Sheriff 1734.

Married the daughter of Sir Herbert Croft Bart. of Croft Castle Co. Hereford (son of the excellent Hubert Croft, Bishop of that diocese) and was succeeded by his eldest son Richard who died, without issue, and the state devolved upon his nephew JOHN OAKELEY, son of HERBERT OAKELEY, Rector of Lydham and Vicar of Lydbury. The Rev. HERBERT OAKELEY, Prebendary of Worcester, son of the said John is now (1820) the representative of this ancient family."

[Blakeway, *Sheriffs of Shropshire*, 1831.]

RICHARD married, as stated above, Margaret, daughter of Sir Herbert Croft, Bart. of Croft Castle, Co. Hereford, at B. C., on the 15th July 1703. She died Oct. 15, 1737 and was buried at B. C.

The children were:

1. RICHARD OAKELEY of OAKELEY.
2. WILLIAM died as an infant.
3. HERBERT OAKELEY of OAKELEY.
4. BARBARA. Bp. at B. C. 14 Oct. 1716, married at B. C. Ap. 7, 1735 to Thomas Browne of Mellington Hall, Co. Montg. [near Pentrenant].

5. ELIZABETH, born December 2, 1718, bp. B. C. Dec. 27th: died Ap. 4th, 1732. Bd. at B. C.

6. MARGARET: died, unmarried, Ap. 26, 1729. Bd. at B. C.

RICHARD OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

Born about 1704 or 1705: although married twice, he died without issue Jany. 14th, 1761.

He married, firstly, Lucy eldest daughter and co-heir of Henry Griffiths Briggs of Benthall, Co. Salop, Esq., on July 15, 1735, at Hanwood. (H. G. Briggs was born 1673, son of Henry Briggs of Benthall and Sarah: sheriff 1703; two daughters, Lucy and Sarah, who married George Smythe of North Nibley, Glouc.) Lucy died July 8th and buried on July 14th, 1750 at Alberbury.

Secondly, he married Mary daughter of Charles Lewis of Brecknock.

HERBERT OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

Succeeded his brother Richard.

Born at Croft Castle December 27, 1711: he was buried at B. C. May 4, 1778, aged 67. M.A. Balliol Coll., Oxon. Vicar of Lydbury North, resigns living 1739. Rector of Lydham 1740.

He married Anne daughter of Robert Loder of Lechlade, Co. Oxon, at Broughton Poggs 1741: she died May 1781.

Their children were:

1. JOHN OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

2. RICHARD, bp. at L. N. Nov. 15, 1745. Bound apprentice to Willm. Oswall, draper, Ap. 28, 1762. Died unmarried, and was bd. B. C. 1 April 1766.

3. ANNE, bp. at L. N. Sept. 24, 1747: died unmarried; possibly bd. B. C. 7 May 1791.

4. MARGARET, bp. L. N. Oct. 16, 1750, bd. at L. N. Dec. 30, 1757.

5. HERBERT, bp. at L. N. Sept. 20, 1748: Balliol Coll., Ox., Ap. 10, 1767. Rector of Lydham Aug. 10, 1778. Rector of Hopton Castle: died Jan. 9, 1812, at Hopton, aged 64. He married Sarah Jones on Aug. 11, 1791, at Ludlow.

[Ludlow Register: witnesses Elizabeth Jones and Ann Oakeley.]

6. MARY, bp. L. N., Oct. 16, 1750: she or No. 7 married William Herbert Dyer, gent., of Aberglasney, Co. Carmath, Oct. 2, 1794.

[Ludlow Register: Witnesses William Jones and Ann Oakeley.]

7. MARY, bp. L. N. June 4, 1756.

8. ? FOLIN?

JOHN OAKELEY of OAKELEY, also called Firgrove, born May 14: bp. May 15 at L. N. 1744; Balliol Coll., Ox., Aug. 3, 1761: died June 17, 1811, bur. B. C. June 24, aged 67. He married, March 11, 1773, at

The Meole Brace Register shows "Aug. 3, 1741 Thomas Mason & Margaret Oakeley both p. Bishops Castle lic. mar."

Leintwardine [near Bedstone] Byne only daughter of Thomas Beale, of Heath House [north of Bedstone]: she died Dec. 9, 1825, aged 81.

Bailiff, 1766, 1785, 1791, 1794, 1799.

Their children were:

1. WILLIAM born at Owlbury Jan. 1774. Bp. B. C. Jan. 10, 1774. Possibly bd. B. C. 15 July 1793.

Educ. at Rugby (entered Jan. 1785).

2. JOHN, born July 24, 1775: died an infant: bd. B. C. 7 Aug. 1775.

3. HERBERT OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

4. LUCY born July 31, 1776, bp. B. C. 1 Aug. Married (1) at Lydham Mch. 26, 1801, Samuel Yate Sprott of Ashford Court, Carbonel, (ii) Robert Bell Price: she died June 15, 1811, aged 35.

5. JANE, born Dec. 19, 1779, bp. at Lydham Dec. 21st: died May 29, 1854, aged 74.

There is a monument to JOHN OAKELEY of OAKELEY at B. C. who was called by the family " The old Retriever " because he retrieved the fortunes of the family.

HERBERT OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

Born and bp. June 29, 1778 B. C. (Rugby register says Hereford). Educ. Rugby (entered Au^{t}. 1788), Oriel Coll., Ox., Feb. 27, 1796, B.A. 1800, M.A. 1803, B.D. 1805, D.D. 1828. Prebendary of Worcester, and Rector of Lydham May 5, 1812. Died Jan. 5, 1830, aged 52. Bailiff 1800, 1817.

He married Catherine daughter of John Bolland (Hop Merchant and M.P. for Bletchingly, Surrey), md. 29th Nov. 1804. She died 7 April 1858.

Their children were:

1. WILLIAM HERBERT OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

2. JOHN. Ed^{d}. Rugby Jan. 1819: died Ap. 5, 1837. Burgess 6 Feb. 1830. Coelebs.

3. KATHERINE born died Aug. 22, 1868. She married as his second wife, 6 Aug. 1835, Robert Burton of Longner who was Sheriff 1852, and died 14 Sept. 1860.

4. MARY, born Dec. 19, 1810, at More, died 1873: married on May 21, 1835, John Pryce Jones, of Coffronnydd, Co. Montg.

5. ANNA, bp. Feb. 26, 1812, at Lydham: died 1872: married, Sept. 23, 1835, the Rev. Arthur Owen Johnes of Gartmyl, Co. Montg.

6. HERBERT: born 1814: died Jan. 19, 1851, aged 37. Burgess 6. 2. 1830.

7. ARTHUR OAKELEY of OAKELEY.

8. HENRY ,, ,, ,,

9. SOULDEN born 27 Nov. 1818: Lt.-Colonel 56th Regt.: died at OAKELEY 17 October 1856. Married Marian de Lisle Simms daughter of Benjamin Symms Simms, Lieut. Royal Navy: she was half sister to Lord Kingsale: she died of yellow fever & was buried at St. Peters, St. Georges, Bermuda, where there is an inscription to her.

Their children were:

(a) ROWLAND DE COURCY, Lt. 8th The King's Regt. Born Dec. 31, 1847. Died Sept. 7, 1887. Married Oct. 12, 1875, Helen Debenham Roberts, daughter of the Hon. William Roberts, B.C.S., Judge High Court, Allahabad.

Their children were:

(i) ROWLAND SOULDEN: born March 2, died March 28, 1878.

(ii) WILLIAM SOULDEN: born May 18, 1885: Lt. Manchester Regt.: served in the Great War as Major, A.S.C. Dead.

(iii) MURIEL: born Sept. 23, 1879.

(b) MARIAN DE LISLE: born Oct. 30, 1845, married March 7, 1868, Robert Edward Lingen (born Sept. 26, 1842), 3rd son of Robert Burton of Longner: d. 6th Dec. 1923, aged 78.

(c) BEATRICE DE LISLE: born Nov. 30th, 1850: married 1870 R. F. Castle, Lt. R.N., son of Admiral Castle: he was lost in H.M.S. "Captain" which capsized off Vigo 1870. Died 1877.

10. SOPHIA: md. (1) Richard Francis Cleveland, Commander R.N.: (2) J. J. M'Cleverty, son of Sir Robert M'Cleverty.

11. LUCY: d. young.

WILLIAM HERBERT OAKELEY of Oakeley.

Born 12 Nov. 1806: Sheriff of Salop 1832: Educ. Rugby (ent^{d} Au^{t}. 1818): died June 24, 1851, aged 45, without issue. Married Feb. 25, 1835, Alicia Mary daughter of General Sir Evan Lloyd and Lady Trimbleton. Gen. Sir Evan Lloyd was of Ferney Hall, Salop.

She remarried: Henry James Sheldon of Brailes House, Warwickshire, who was High Sheriff, 1860.

Burgess 23 Sept. 1826. Bailiff 1830, 1840.

ARTHUR OAKELEY of Oakeley.

Born 29 April 1815: died unmarried 2 January 1870: curate of Lydham 1841-2. Rector 1843. J.P., M.A. New Inn Hall, Oxf. Burgess 2 Ap. 1832. Bailiff 1853, 1858, 1865.

HENRY OAKELEY of Oakeley.

Born 28 Dec. 1816. Capt. R.N.: died, 12 March 1877: married on 1st June 1847 Mary Letitia, 3rd daughter of Colonel Sir Hamlin Trelawny, Bart., R.A. of Trelawny, Cornwall: she died 16 June 1871. Burgess 26 Feb. 1859. Bailiff 1859, 1863, 1870, 1874.

Their children were:

1. CATHERINE EMILY: born June 5, 1851; married on 24 Sept. 1872 Godfrey William Fitzhugh of Plâs Power, Denbigh,

2. ARTHUR HENRY: born 27 March 1853: died in Bombay 1876. Lt. in army.

3. JOHN OAKELEY of OAKELEY.
4. SOPHIA: born July 19, 1859: married an Australian A. Howell: died at Perth, 9 Sept. 1920.

JOHN OAKELEY of OAKELEY.
Born 7 November 1856: married on 23rd October 1880, Mary Cather ine, eldest daughter of the Rev. Charles Kent, Vicar of Ludford and Elton, Salop.
Their children were:
1. JOHN HENRY: born 11 Aug.: died 26 Dec. 1882.
2. KATHLEEN EMILY: born 10 Jan. 1884.
3. EVELYN MARY: born Aug. 21, 1885.
JOHN died 21 March 1897. His motto was "In spe haud incerta." Eheu fugaces annos!

So ends the history of OAKELEY, Bishops Castle, which had been in possession of the family, if we may believe tradition, since the conquest.
On John's death his widow sold the estate to A. H. Sykes, who renamed it Lydham Hall. That house does not date further back than 1790: the old residence was at LOWER OAKELEY.

We must now return to
WILLIAM OAKELEY, of Steventon, Ludlow [p. 71]. Born Aug. 22, 1684. Lieut. of the Guards, Captain of Dragoons. Served at Blen heim. He died Ap. 10th, 1750, and was buried at Ludford.
He married Catherine daughter of Walter Moseley, Esq., of the Mere, Co. Staff. (High Sheriff of Staff., 1709: died 1712, by Jane Acton who, through her mother Sarah *née* Mytton of Halston was descended from the de Burghs, Edward the First, &c.)
CATHERINE died at Broomsgrove, and was buried at Enville, Co. Staff., 28 Sept. 1777.
Their children were:
1. WALTER of Birmingham. Surgeon: died at Pontesbury 178-, without issue. Married Elizabeth, daughter of . . . . Turner: aunt to Warren Hastings: she died Jan. 16th, 1802, aged 85 (born 1717).
2. WILLIAM.
3. SARAH, bp. at Pontesbury, Jan. 11, 1716. Died an infant.
4. ELIZABETH of Bromsgrove: spinster.
5. CATHERINE, bp. at Pontesbury, Jan. 30, 1715.
WILLIAM OAKELEY.
Born 1717. Balliol Coll. Oxf., B.A. 1740, M.A. 1743. Vicar of Holy Cross. Rector of Eaton under Heywood 1742 (presented by Jenks Lutley, Esq.); and in 1749 to the valuable Rectory of Forton, Co. Staff. (presented by Charles Baldwyn, Esq.): adm. Burgess Sept. 10, 1769. Chaplain to Bishop of Lichfield. He resigned Eaton 1786: died 31st October 1803, aged 86. Buried at St. Giles Church, Shrewsbury.
He married on the 13th April 1749, at Forton, Christian daughter of

Sir Patrick Strachan, K^{t}., of Glenkindie Castle, Aberdeen (created K^{t} for services to the Gov^{t}. subsequent to the rising of 1715: died "hopelessly involved" 1726). A. Leith his cousin bought Glenkindie in 1738. Christian's mother was Elizabeth, *née* Allgood, who married 2ndly, the above Charles Baldwyn, of Aqualute, Forton, whose name appears as one of Sir Patrick's creditors.

CHRISTIAN died Aug. 10, 1790, aged 65, having been born Feb. 25, 1725, & was buried at Forton.

Their children were:

1. WILLIAM of Plâs Tan-y-Bwlch, Co. Merioneth. Bp. at Forton March 5, 1750: admitted Burgess Oct. 3, 1779: died Aug. 5, 1811, aged 61. Mayor of Shrewsbury 1788.

He married Margaret, daughter and heir of Evan Gryffid of Tan-y-Bwlch (Sheriff Merioneth 1778) March 1789: she died June 27, 1809.

The following extract is interesting:

"The loss the inhabitants of the 'Happy Vale' and its neighbourhood have sustained by his death cannot easily be estimated. The excellent roads formed under his direction through a district formerly almost impassable are known to every traveller: the tracts that he has fertilized, the barren eminences which he has planted and, above all, the delightful exhibitions of nature in bold and picturesque scenery which his taste developed and adorned have afforded themes of rapture to every visitor: his benificence has bettered the condition and made happy the dwelling of many a rustic and the memory of his private goodness will long live in the bosoms of his relatives and friends."

[*Gentleman's Mag.*, Dec. 1811.]

They had one son:

(a) WILLIAM GRYFFYD of Plâs Tan-y-Bwlch: born at Shrewsbury 18 -1790. Sheriff Merion.: 1814 and Carnarvon 1815: d.s.p. Oct. 1835. Married Feb. 13, 1817, Louisa Jane eld. d. of R. B. Ness, Esq., of Middle Hill, Bath.

2. CHARLES.

3. CATHERINE: bp. at Forton, July 18, 1752: died unmarried at Lichfield, Aug. 30, 1835.

SIR CHARLES OAKELEY, 1st Bart.

Born at Forton Feb. 27, 1751: bp. there March 5th. Admitted Burgess Oct. 2, 1789: admitted to the Bar June 5, 1790. Educated at Shrewsbury. Hon. D.C.L. Oxf. 1825. Created Baronet 5 June 1790, for services as Governor of Madras. Governor of Madras 1790-94. Declined the Governor-Generalship 1795. Died at Lichfield Sept. 7, 1826. Buried at Forton. Monument South transept, Lichfield Cathedral.

He married at Fort St. George, Madras, on Oct. 19, 1777, Helena d. of Robert Beatson, Esq., of Kilrie, Fife (b. 1730): she was born 23 March 1762 and died Feb. 19, 1839, aged 77. Appointed to East India Comp., Oct. 1766, arrived Madras June 1767. [*Vide* National Biography.]

"SIR CHARLES OAKELEY, 1st. Baronet. Hon. D.C.L. Oxford· Was created a Baronet on the 5th. June 1790 in consequence of his services in India. After filling various important offices, he was appointed Governor of Madras in 1790. His exertions which enabled Lord Cornwallis to refit his army at a moment of great distress in 1791 were publickly acknowledged by that distinguished commander, and the success of his government was also marked by the brilliant capture of Pondicherry in 1793. Sir Charles effected a vast improvement in the Company's finances, and received the unanimous thanks of the Court of Directors, on his return to England in 1794. He married on 21st October 1777, being then Secretary in the Military and Political Department Madras, Helena, only daughter of Robert Beatson of Kilrie Co. Fife."

HELENA BEATSON is said to have gone out to India with her aunt Miss Reid to an uncle, or relative holding some government appointment, probably after her Fathers death.

MR. and MRS. OAKELEY remained in India, where he held a most responsible situation during and after the war, when the Carnatic was nearly lost, until 1789 when family affairs called him to England. A few months afterwards Mr. Pitt offered him the Governorship of Madras and a Baronetcy. He returned to Madras 1790 and remained until 1794 when he retired. He declined the Governor-Generalship."

Letter from above to Warren Hastings

"Fort St George 11 Oct 1777. Dear Sir I have the pleasure to enclose you a letter from the Nabob: I forwarded two some days ago, which I hope you have received. Our affairs have undergone little alterations of late I hope our domestic quarrels are at an end, and that the recall of the Gentleman concerned in the late dispute will finally put an end to the flame which has been unhappily raised in the settlement. Mr. Whitehill has a disagreeable and embarrassing part to act, but he has hitherto acquitted himself with so much propriety and good sense, that I am in great hopes he will succeed tolerably well in his Government. On the arrival of Mr. Rumbold I believe he means to return to Europe. Mr. Russell and Mr Stone have taken a passage to England on the " Egmont." Intelligence from Tanjore says that Mr. Russell is to carry home a considerable present from the Rajah to Admiral Pigot (one lac of rupees) to obtain his support in England. We have not yet been able to ascertain the truth of this report clearly, tho' I believe it myself If the Rajah applies the revenue of his country in this manner what recourse is there in case the Carnatic should be disturbed by war? The Nabob is embarrassed beyond measure, and on such an emergency could do nothing. Would it not be prudent, Sir, nay are we not in some measure bound, now we have taken the Rajah under our protection, to restrain him from squandering away those revenues which alone can enable us to defend his country in case it is attacked? The " Egmont " will sail from here the

15th. inst. I am with great truth, Dear Sir, Your most obedient humble servant CHAS OAKELEY. The Hon Warren Hastings, Esq.

[Brit. Museum Additl. MS. 29136-29137, 29139, 29143.]

Services of SIR CHARLES OAKELEY.

SIR CHARLES OAKELEY Bart was employed for 27 years in India in various offices of great trust, the last of which was the Governship of Madras, conferred upon him in the most gratifying manner at a crisis of peculiar difficulty and danger. In this situation it was his good fortune to relieve the Government from its great financial embarrassments and to receive the repeated and recorded thanks of Lord Cornwallis for his co-operation and support in the conduct of the war. His services were rewarded with the gracious favour conferred upon him by his sovereign and the unanimous thanks of the Court of Directors on his return home.

[Additional MS. 34569.]

Letter to Warren Hastings from Sir Charles Oakeley

Madras, 28 Feb. 1779.

Sir. We should desire your excuse for the freedom we take in drawing your attention but for a moment from those important avocations which so well engross every part of your time; but, as the subject on which we write is interesting to a gentleman, who always professed the sincerest attachment to your person and character, we are confident you do not require a stronger motive to engage your attention. The gentleman we allude to, Mr. Macpherson at his departure for home, appointed us his attorneys, and reposing the greatest confidence in our friendship for him, entrusted us with all his concerns, and all his expectations at the Durbar. The Nabob and the Ameer on taking leave gave him each an obligation, payable the one in three months, and the others in a year, for such sums as they thought a proper consideration for his services. Mr. Macpherson had richly deserved them, and greater favors at the hands of both, and, being out of the Company's Service at the time they were conferred upon him, he was certainly warranted in accepting them. It appeared soon, however, that the Nabob and his son, were liberal only in promises, the performance of their obligations we have reason to believe never once entered their ideas—the moment Mr. Macpherson had turned his back, he was totally forgot, the promises that were made to him were treated with something worse than flight. Mr. Macpherson though much mortified at the ingratitude of his friends continued his services to them in England with the same zeal and fidelity that he had always shown in their support—he even spared not the little fortune which he had acquired here independently of them and having ventured so far as to distress himself materially; rather than relinquish the cause he had undertaken, he thought himself justified in drawing on the Nabob and the Ameer, at least for the sums which had been promised, and ought long ago to have been discharged. He accordingly by the last ship sent his drafts to us for

the amounts—we presented them—they met with the same fate that has attended all our former applications on behalf of Mr. Macpherson—we were obliged to return them unpaid.

Mr. Macpherson, seeing the possibility of such an event, desired us, in case the Bills were not answered, to write to you fully of the circumstances. This we have attempted in as few words as we could possibly use in justice to the subject.

We have the honor to be, Your most obedient humble servants

CHAS. OAKELEY.
Jas. Hy. Cassamayor

"Along with Miss Read the painter came her niece Miss Elena Beatson on 7 Sept. 1777 the faithful Young writes of her "Miss Beatson is as fine a young lady as ever I seed come to this country and as accomplished as any, of age, and draws finely. . . ."

Only five weeks later, " Miss Beatson is to be married to MR. OAKLEY (*sic*) soon." Then on 24 Oct. " Miss Beatson was marryed a few days ago to MR. OAKELEY, as good a match as she could have got on earth, or I am mistaken, and he has settled £10,000 upon her. Is not this good luck? "
[*Nabobs of Madras*, Dodwell.]

Their children were:

1. CHARLES, 2nd Bart.

Born Sept. 25, 1778, at Madras. Educ. Rugby (entered Jan. 1792). Secretary of Legation, Bavaria, Sweden, and U.S. America: died June 30, 1829, at Huy, Netherlands. Married, 20th March 1820, Charlotte Françoise Augusta Gilberte Ramadier, Baroness de Lormet, only child of Colonel the Baron Ramadier de Lormet of Meysembrock, Netherlands, Colonel 32nd. Regiment Chasseurs: she was niece of the Marquis de la Tour Maubourg, French Ambassador in England 1819. LADY OAKELEY was born 1803 and died 2 Oct. 1850, aged 47.

They had three daughters:

(a). HELENA SARAH CHARLOTTE (md. 1838 30 Aug. William Herbert Wodehouse, D.L. Woolmers Park, Herts. Baroness de Lormet, died 3 April 1919. He died 10 Aug. 1903.

(b). AUGUSTA md. (i) Henry Hugh O'Donel Clayton, 2nd son of Sir William Clayton 5th Bart., 19 Mch. 1846, who died 17 Mch. 1857, (ii) Major Robert George Manley, late Innisk^g^. Dragoons on 20 Oct. 1863. She died 15 Nov. 1879.

(c). GEORGINA. Born posthumously Feb. 6, 1830 at Paris. (Md. 1852, 10 Nov., Alexander Dennistoun, Golf Hill, Glasgow.) She died 16 June 1914, her husband having died 29 Aug. 1893.

2. HELENA: born 24 March 1780: died 29 Dec. 1859, at Lichfield, aged 79: unmarried.

3. HENRIETTA: born 21 January 1782, married 9 May 1814, J. Mott of the Close, Lichfield, and died 25 Oct. 1868.

4. GEORGINA: born 19 February 1785: married December 6th, 1804, Roger Kynaston of Witham Grove, Essex: died Dec. 8, 1816.

5. LOUISA: born 15 April 1786: married 1805 George Reid of Wallington Hall, Norfolk: died 1879.

6. HENRY, twin, born 6 December 1787. I.C.S. Judge of the district of Moorshedabad, Bengal: married Laura, d. of Colonel Ravier, Governor of Chandernagore: died, s.p., 3 May 1826, at Monghyr.

HENRY was writer 11 July 1802: Assist. to the Magistrate and Register of Rungpore 11 Mch. 1807; Register of the Provincial Court of Calcutta Aug. 29, 1808; Register of the Zillah of Jessore Feb. 27, 1810; assistant Judge to the Zillah of Jessore Mch. 22, 1811; officiating magistrate of Jessore Sept. 6, 1811; acting judge and Magistrate of Jessore 1813; Judge and Magistrate of Jessore and Acting Judge and Magistrate of Hooghley May 13, 1814; Judge and Magistrate of Hooghley Feb. 9, 1816; Second judge of Provincial Court of Moorshedabad March 2, 1826.

[Dodwell and Miles, *Bengal Civil Servants*.]

7. WILLIAM, twin, died soon after birth.

8. AMELIA: born 1 Oct. 1789, at Shrewsbury, married 3 Feb. 1812, Chappel Wodehouse, only son of the Very Rev. Chappel Wodehouse, D.D. Dean of Lichfield: she died 5 Sept. 1878. He died 8 Feb. 1815.

9. HERBERT, 3rd Bart.

10. EMMA: born at Madras 2 Sept. 1793: died an infant.

11. EDWARD: born at Shrewsbury 9 Nov. 1796: died unmarried 8 Dec. 1870, aged 74. Acted as Guardian to Sir Herbert's children. Educ. Rugby (entd. Au^{t}. 1809). Interested in Companies: lived at 61 Bond St.

12. WILLIAM of Glanwilliam, Co. Monmouth: born May 12, 1798: died 11 Dec. 1834. Educ. Rugby (entd. Au^{t}. 1809).

Named by his 1st cousin WILLIAM OAKELEY of Tan-y-Bwlch as his heir; but having predeceased him, the Property was left to his young son, William Edward, with remainder to Edward and Frederick (Nos. 11 and 14), SIR HERBERT OAKELEY and his heirs.

Married 25 Oct. 1827 Mary Maria, only daughter of Sir Edward Miles, C.B., Kt., K.T.S.: their child was:

WILLIAM EDWARD of the Plâs, Tan-y-Bwlch and Cliffe House, Atherstone. Master of the Atherstone Fox Hounds, 21 yrs. J.P., D.L. Born 1 Aug. 1828: died 1 Feb. 1912. Did a little racing. Married the Hon. Mary Russell, younger daughter of Sophia Baroness Clifford on 10 Ap. 1860: she died 13 Sept. 1914.

Their children were:

(a) EDWARD DE CLIFFORD WILLIAM: born 2 Nov. 1864. At one time Lt. Leicestershire Yeom^{y}. Famous pigeon shot. Died 30 Mch. 1919, unmarried.

(b) MARY CAROLINE: born 14 Nov. 1865. Married 29 April 1893 William F. Inge, of Thorpe Constantine, Co. Staff. M.F.H. Atherstone: he died 4 Feb. 1903. They had 3 daughters. Mrs. Inge was M.F.H. Atherstone and was a great success. Residence Thorpe, Tamworth, and The Plâs, Tan-y-Bwlch.

13. CORNWALLIS. Born 16 June 1801: died Nov. 9, 1801.

14. FREDERICK. Born Sunday 5 Sept. 1802 at the Abbey, Shrewsbury. Fellow of Balliol. Prebendary, Lichfield. In Holy Orders Church of England, but seceded to Church of Rome Oct. 29, 1845. Mentioned in Newman's *Apologia*. Canon of St. George's, Westminster. Died 29 January 1880, aged 78. Formerly incumbent of Margaret Chapel.

HERBERT 3rd Bart.

Born at Madras 10 February 1791. Educ. Westminster and Christ Ch., Vicar of Ealing 1822-1834: domestic Chaplain to Bishop of London (Howley). Dean and Rector of Bocking 1834-45; Archdeacon of Colchester 1841: Prebendary of St. Paul's. Student of Christ Church: First Class Lit. Hum. 1810 (when 19 yrs. old). Died March 27, 1845, aged 54.

Married 5 June 1826 Atholl Keturah Murray Aynsley, 2nd daughter of Rt. Hon. and Rev. Lord Charles Murray Aynsley, Dean of Bocking, son of John, 3rd Duke of Atholl. She was born 1801, and died Jan. 26, 1844, aged 43.

Their children were:

1. CHARLOTTE MARY ATHOLL. Born June 25, 1827: married 8 February 1849, the Hon. Francis Charles Drummond, 4th son of James, 6th Viscount Strathallan. (*See* Earl of Perth.) He died s.p. 26 Oct. 1904. She died at 58 St. George's Sq., London, S.W., 13 June 1918.

2. CHARLES WILLIAM ATHOLL, 4th Bart.

3. HERBERT STANLEY: born 22 July 1830 at Ealing: died unmarried 26 Oct. 1903. Educated Rugby 1843-46 and Christ Church 1849-53, M.A. Mus.Doc. Oxon, Dublin, St. Andrews, Edinburgh, Adelaide, and Canterbury. D.C.L. and LL.D. Aberdeen, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Member, honoris causa, of the two Royal Musical Academies of Rome; and of Philharmonic, Bologna: a vice-president of Trinity Coll. and member of Philharmonic, London. Professor of Music, Univ. Edinburgh, and, later, Emeritus Professor. Hon. Composer to Q. Victoria and K. Edw. VII in Scotland. Knighted. Had a terrible fall from a vehicle in the Alps 1872, which crippled a leg (near St. Niklaus, Zermatt).

4. HENRY EVELYN. Born 23 Nov. 1833. M.A.: fellow and senior mathematical lecturer at Jesus, Cambridge. Educated at Rugby. Inspector of schools. H.M. Chief Inspector Training Colleges. Knighted 1899. Died 21 Dec. 1915.

Married 6 Sept. 1862 Caroline Howley Turner, daughter of W. H. Belli, later Bengal Civil Service. She died Jan. 21, 1925. They had five children:

(i) ALICE KETURAH, b. 27 Sept. 1864. Md. 22 May 1890, Arthur Godfrey Roby, K.C. No issue.

(ii) HERBERT, b. 7 Ap. 1866, d. 12 Aug. 1874.

(iii) HILDA DIANA. Born 12 Oct. 1867. Formerly Warden Royal Victoria College, Montreal, Tutor of Women Students and Warden Ashburne Hall, University of Manchester. Warden King's College for Women, London. Passmore Edwards Settlement (now Mary Ward), London. University Reader in Philosophy, King's College, London. M.A. Oxon and McGill, D.Lit. London. Author of several contributions to Philosophy.

(iv) CAROLINE ATHOLL, born 6 Jan. 1872: married 10 Aug. 1898, David A. F. Vesey, Barrister, son of Archdeacon Vesey of Huntingdon, and had issue. She died Dec. 11, 1928.

(v) MARION ADELA, born 4 June 1875: married 16 January 1907 George Murray Wilson of Dale End, Grassmere (who died 27 May 1924), and had 1 daughter.

5. EDWARD MURRAY. Born 16 May 1840. Rugby and Trinity Coll., Cambridge. A most popular house master at Clifton College. "OAKELEY'S HOUSE." Composed for organ in later life.

Married 22 January 1884, Emily Frances, daughter of Richard Trotter of Morton Hall, Midlothian: she was born 1st Mch. 1845 and died May 29, 1911. Children (i) Edward Richard, b. 18 Nov. 1887: d. 13Sept. 1919: (ii) Charlotte Mary, b. 15 Dec. 1889. He died November 8th, 1927, aged 87, at Eynsham. Buried at Wolvercote Cemetery, Oxford.

At a Meeting of the Council of Clifton College held on the 25th of January, 1928,

It was Resolved

That at their first Meeting since his decease, the Council of Clifton College desire to put on record their grateful sense of the special services to the School and constant loyalty throughout a very long life, of Mr. EDWARD MURRAY OAKELEY, who gave his name to "OAKELEY'S HOUSE," was a compiler of the earliest Clifton Hymn Book with music, and the initiator and first editor of the Clifton Register.

HERBERT WARREN,

Chairman.

6. ADELAIDE HELENA. Born Sept. 28, 1836: died 17 Jany. 1845. Buried at Bocking.

7. ALICE ELIZABETH. Born June 23, 1838, died 30 Aug. 1845. Buried in Hertingfordbury Church.

SIR CHARLES WILLIAM ATHOLL, 4th Baronet.

Born at Ealing Oct. 25th, 1828. Eton and Christ Church. Captain Bengal Cavalry. Lived at Angley Park, Cranbrook, until his father-in-law died: then at Frittenden House, Staplehurst, Kent, until the death of his first wife: finally at The Oaks, Tunbridge Wells, where he died on 2 Nov. 1915, aged 87: buried at T. Wells. J.P. Kent. He married (i) Ellen, only child of John Meeson Parsons of St. Mary Abbotts Parish, Kensington: she was born Sept. 19, 1834, was married 16 May 1860, and died at Frittenden June 20, 1895. (ii) Elizabeth Goodall, widow of Hamilton Goodall, on 16 Sept. 1896, daughter of Henry W. Tuson.

By the first marriage, the children were:

1. CHARLES JOHN, 5th Bart.

2. EDWARD FRANCIS: born May 29, 1870. Clifton and R.M. Coll., Sandhurst., 1st Bn. South Lancashire Regt. Boer War 1899-1902, Queen's Medal, 3 clasps; King's Medal, 2 clasps. Mentioned in despatches. Adjutant 2 Vol. Bn. St. Helens, 1902-7: retired as Captain. Resided at The Orchards, Rodbourne, Malmesbury, 1907-13. Bought The Gables, Eynsham, Oxon, 1913. Served as Company Officer, afterwards as Adjutant, at Depot, Warrington, during Great War, Nov. 1914-Oct. 1917: then as O. i/c Worcester Section Record Office, Warwick, till May 30, 1919. Mentioned in despatches and promoted Major. J.P. for Oxon.

He married 25th May 1899, Everilde Anne, daughter of Henry Beaumont of Grantham, at St. Agnes Church, Liverpool. She was born Sept. 27, 1877.

Their children were:

(i) EDWARD ATHOLL. Born May 31, 1900 at Nantwich. Clifton and R.M.C. Sandhurst: a short time in the Oxf. and Bucks Lt. Inf. Married (i) 1922, Ethyl Felice da. of T. O'Coffey, of Audrey Place, Cork, who divorced him 1929; (ii) April 1930, Patricia Mabel Mary Birtchnell, d. of L. H. Birtchnell, Westcliff, Wexham, Bucks. Champion wrestler of England.

Issue:

JOHN DIGBY: b. 27 Nov. 1932.

(ii) ROSEMARY. Born at Rainhill, Oct. 1, 1903. Headington School, Oxford.

(iii) ROWLAND HENRY: Born at Clifton, Bristol, 28 Jan. 1909. Clifton, New College, Oxford. B.A. Malaya Civil Service.

(iv) MARY. Born at Clifton, Bristol, Ap. 2, 1913: St. John's, Bexhill School, St. Hilda's College, Oxford.

3. HERBERT WILLIAM. Born 13 Oct. 1874: married 16 July 1896, Lilian Moore, whom he divorced 1900. Winchester and Trin. Coll., Camb. One child, Clifford Charles William, born 25 July 1897: married again. Died May 15, 1931.

CHARLES JOHN, 5th Bart.

Born 6th May 1862. Winchester. Sometime Capt. 4th West Kent (Militia): married 13 August 1889 Emily, daughter of Colonel Andrew Green, late Rifle Brigade (severely wounded in the Mutiny). She was born at Farnham July 6, 1869, and died Oct. 21, 1932. J.P. Kent. Residence, Frittenden House, Staplehurst. Mar. (2) Ida Margaret Elena, dau. of Col. J. M. Kerr, Jan. 20, 1934.

By the first marriage the children were:

1. ELLEN BEATRICE. Born 16 Jany. 1891: married (i) on Feb. 12, 1915, Capt. Guy W. Hopton, Berks Regt., who was killed in action in France, July 28, 1915; (ii) on 15 June 1922 Captain Loraine Macgregor Keri, M.C., son of Colonel J. M. Kerr, 3rd Madras Regt., and has issue.

2. EMILY CHARLOTTE EILEEN. Born 28 Jany. 1896. Married 31 Dec. 1921, Capt. Wilfrid Haig Loyd, and has issue.

3. CHARLES RICHARD ANDREW. B. 14 Aug. 1900. Eton, Trinity Camb. Md. Audrey Fairless Dampier Palmer, elder d. of Capt. and Mrs. Dampier Palmer, Heronden Hall, Tenterden, Kent, Sept. 10, 1924, whom he divorced 1932.

Probable Pedigree of ELLEN PARSONS, wife of CHARLES, 4th Bart.

(Newport Salop Registers.)

Thomas Parsons.

- Thomas, B. about 1625, B^d Nov. 9, 1670 = Mary.
  - Thomas, bp. May 18 1658. = Martha, b^d May 18 1686.
    - William, bp. Aug. 19, 1674, b^d Feb. 3, 1749. = Elizabeth, b^d Nov. 13, 1753.
      - Martha, bp. Sept. 22, 1702.
      - Elizabeth, bp. Mch. 27, b^d Aug. 29, 1705.
      - Mary, bp. Nov. 24 1706. = William Harris, Ap. 12 1732.
      - Elizabeth, Mch. 13 1708. = Robert Lowe, July 16 1743.
        - Elizabeth, bp. June 25, 1754 = William Collins, Feb. 13, 1776.
        - George, bp. Oct. 15, 1755; d. July 20, b^d 22nd 1777.
      - Christian, bp. June 2 1712.
    - Thomas, bp. Aug. 21, 1681. = Elizabeth, b^d Oct. 31, 1746. (A)
    - Martha, bp. Jan. 25, 1684.
  - Mary, bp. 30 July 1660, b^d 23 Mch. 1661.
  - James, bp. Oct. 13 1662.
  - Joan, bp. May 24 1664.
  - Mary, bp. Nov. 3 1667.
- Jone, bp. Apr. 2, 1615.

(A)

- Mary, bp. Aug. 27 1785. = Peter Weston of Govan, Lanarkshire, Esq., July 14, 1814
- Thomas, bp. Dec. 29 1786.
- Ann, bp. Nov. 14 1788. = William Dixon of Everton, L'pool, May 14, 1812.
  - Thomas George Dixon, Surgeon Frodsham & Northwich, Cheshire, who married Ap. 11, 1850; Born 4 Oct. 1817; died 28 Jan. 1898; Buried Bathwick Cemetery, Bath. J. M. Parson's will mentions his "late nephew, the Rev. James Kirkson Dixon." = Sarah d. of .... Naylor, born 12 Dec. 1824; died 19 Nov. 1867.
    - William Naylor, b. & d. 1853.
    - Annie Caroline, b. & d. 1866.
    - George Parsons Naylor, b. 28 June 1857; d. 1 May 1879; b^d at Bathwick Cem., Bath.
    - Barbara = Vicar of Minsterley, Shropshire.
    - Gertrude, Ada Nellie.

George = Elizabeth d. of Will Adams, Esq., b^d Mch. 6, 1664.

- Joan, bp. Mch. 12 1650; b^d June 27 1672.
- Elizabeth, bp. Sept. 29, 1652.
- Alice, bp. Sept. 26 1653. = ? Joseph Cooke, July 31, 1674.
- Mary, bp. Feb. 22 1655. = 1675 Mr. Samuel Prichard.

A

- Margery, bp. Nov. 21, 1708; ? b^d Ap. 6, 1795.
- Thomas, bp. Nov. 9, 1710; d. Feb. 17, 1781. = Mary, b. 1723; d. 16 July 1786, aged 63.
- Elizabeth, bp. Mch. 29, 1713.
- Mary, bp. July 8 1716.

B

- Thomas, bp. Feb. 8, 1757; d. Ap. 20, 1833. = Anne d. of Thomas Meeson of Dawley and Dolly née Reynolds, bp. Albrighton Feb. 2, 1756; m^d Nov. 8, 1784; d. May 9, 1833.
- Joseph Dickin, bp. June 6, b^d June 13, 1761.

C

- Elizabeth, bp. July 2, 1790; d. July 27 1875.
- Catherine, b. June 16, 1792; d. Mch. 29 1833 cœlebs.
- George, b. June 11 1794.
- John Meeson, b. Oct. 28, 1798; bp. at Newport, Salop, May 9 1799; d. 26 Mch. 1870. = Ellen Mayhew, m^d 12 Sept. 1833; d. 6 Oct. 1834.

Ellen = Sir C. W. A. Oakeley, B^t.

ELLEN PARSONS was born Friday, Sept. 19, 1834, at 6 Boyne Terrace, Notting Hill. [Notice in the *Times*, Monday, Sept. 22, 1834.] Ellen Parsons, her mother, died at 9 a.m., 6 Oct. 1834, at that address, and was buried at All Soul's Cemety., Kensal Green, Oct. 11, 1834.

MEESON OF MEESON AND DAWLEY, SALOP.

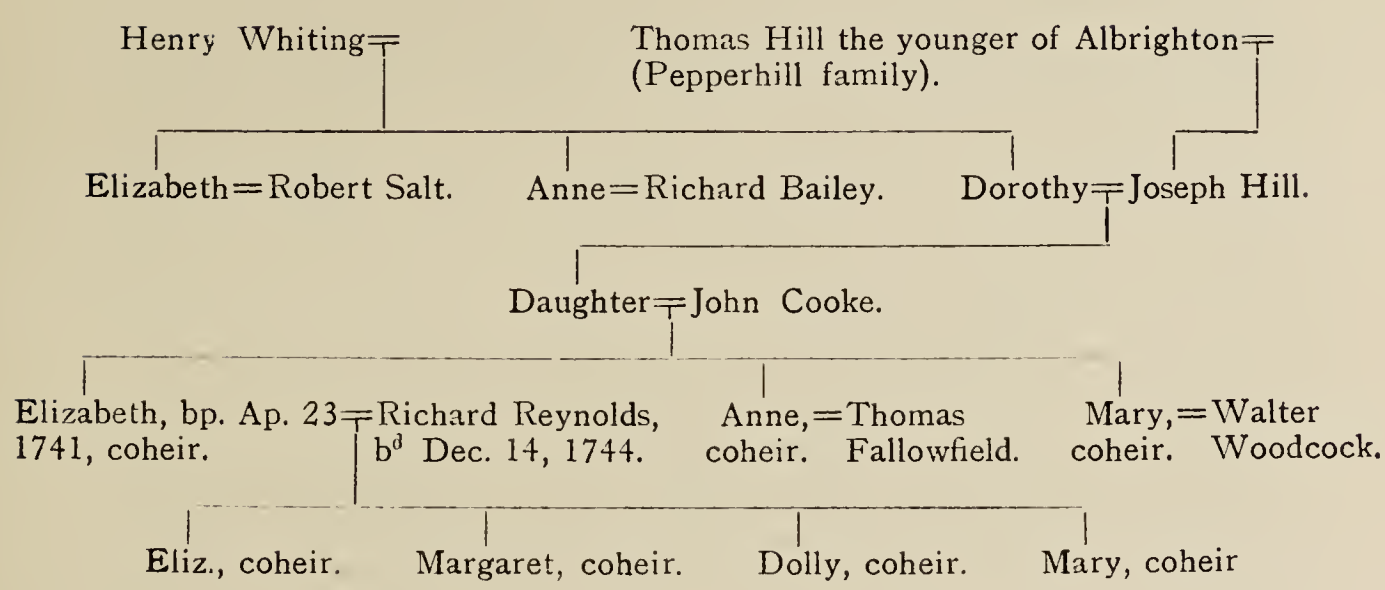
Thomas Meesonne, b^d June 10, 1621 = ... b^d Nov. 18, 1630.

- ffowlke, bp. 3 Mch. 1583; b^d 27 Ap. 1593.
- Thomas, bp. 3 Mch. 1583; b^d Aug. 20 1662. = Elizabeth, b^d June 26 1638.
  - Richard, bp. June 6 1619. = Ann.
    - *Thomas, bp. Jan. 2, 1654.
  - Elizabeth, bp. June 9 1622. = Richard Walker, jun., July 26, 1644 at Rooton.
  - Robert, bp. Jan. 22 1625.
  - Mary, bp. Dec. 21, 1630; b^d Jany 26, 1636.
- Milborowe (daughter), bp. 24 Aug. 1589.
- William, bp. 1 Feb 1592; b^d 1 Oct. 1630 cœlebs.

Thomas, bp. Aug. 25, 1611; b^d either Aug. 20, 1662 or Feb. 17, 1665. = Mary Reighbolds of Forton May 5, 1629; b^d Sept. 3, 1694.

- Elizabeth, bp. Jan. 19, 1633; ? b^d May 21, 1637.
- John of Podford High Ercall, bp. Feb. 24, 1638; b^d Sept. 1, 1688. = Eliz^h.
  - Mary, bp. June 27, 1665; b^d Oct. 21, 1665.
  - Thomas, bp. Feb. 2, 1668; b^d Feb. 5, 1755. = Mary—probably correct, or she may have married*
    - John, bp. Nov, 28 1700. = Anne.
      - Thomas, bp. Feb. 18, 1728; d. July 28, 1798, aged 70, at Albrighton. = Dolly d. of Richard Reynolds & Elizabeth née Cooke, Born 1723; m^d Feb. 11, 1751; b^d Nov. 17, 1808.
        - Anne = Thomas Parsons.
        - Elizabeth, b. Sept. 18 1761; d. Jan. 11, 1819, 2nd d., aged 58.
        - John, b. Mch. 17, 1766; d. July 3, 1840, aged 74, 2nd son.
      - Mary, bp. at Dawley Ap. 28, 1731.
    - William, bp. Nov. 24 1702.
    - Mary ? b^d Aug. 31 1721.
    - Rachel, bp. Dec. 5, 1707.
- William, bp. May 9, 1613.
- Anne, bp. July 13, 1616.
- Nathaniel, bp. Dec. 26 1640; b^d May 31, 1642.

Descent of DOLLY REYNOLDS on her Mother's side.



At Albrighton Church
" In the vault beneath
Are deposited the remains of
Thomas Meeson gent
Who died July 28, 1798 aged 70 years
Also of Dolly Meeson his wife
Who died Nov 12, 1808 aged 86 years
Elizabeth Meeson their second daughter
Died Jan 11, 1819, aged 58 years
And John Meeson their second son
Died July 3 1840, aged 74 years."

A stained glass in the Sacrarium has:

" In memory of Maria Meeson
Died Dec 20, 1852: aged 60."

"The Meeson property consisted of several portions, but the principal residence is at the eastern extremity of the village, opposite to the present entrance to Albrighton Hall. It was formerly a house with two gables, but in the age when architectural taste lay in flatness and neatness the portion of the front between the two gables was built up so as to make a straight line between the two gables, which disappeared behind this new parapet, the exterior slopes of the gables however were left so that the front presents the aspect of a square (of course, perfectly flat) with the two upper corners cut off, perforated by three rows of windows four in a row. Though a good and commodious house, its present appearance is scarcely calculated to strike the beholder as a thing of beauty.

The Meesons came from a place of the same name, a township in the parish of Bolas Magna, Co Salop, and seem to be of ancient blood and some position, members of the family being designated " gentleman " and " esquire." There is some obscurity as to the exact descent of the Meeson property. We find three co-heirs probably daughters of Henry Whiting, viz. (i) Elizabeth, wife of Robert Salt. (ii) Anne, wife of Richard Bailey, (iii) Dorothy, wife of Joseph Hill, apparently the son of Thomas Hill, the younger, and probably of the Pepperhill Family. The daughter of Joseph Hill married John Cooke and had issue three co-heirs, viz. (i) Elizabeth, wife of Richard Reynolds (ii) Anne, wife of Thomas Fallowfield, and (iii) Mary, wife of Walter Woodcock 1715, at which date he is mentioned in one of the Harriotts-Hayes deeds in connection with Thomas Devey of Kingslow, Co Salop, whose daughter Margaret married Thomas Wightwick of Bilbrook, brother of William Wightwick of Albrighton. Richard Reynolds had by his wife Elizabeth, *née* Cooke, four daughters, co-heirs, viz. Elizabeth, Margaret, Dolly, and Mary. Of these Dolly married Thomas Meeson, and had issue Richard, John, Elizabeth, and Catherine. It would appear that Thomas Meeson bought up the rights of Hill in 1781. From a deed of 1771 it appears that at that date Elizabeth and Margaret Reynolds were unmarried, and their sister Mary wife of — Halny, and also that William Wightwick had some common interest with them, perhaps as a trustee. Richard and John Meeson appear in a deed of 1820. Another portion of the family is connected with the old family of Stubbs and that of Plimley, the former of which must have been of great influence formerly in this neighbourhood, and the latter possessed the Brewood Hall estate, the old home of the Fowkes, and sold it to one of Lord Galway's family. Sir Henry Bridgeman, afterwards created the 1st. Lord Bradford of that family, a man greatly respected, was also connected with the estate. . . . (Jordans, Wightwick, Offley, Greswold, Ld. Bradford, and Earl of Dysart). The Meeson estate went to the 2nd. son John Meeson, who had also purchased from the Pigots of Patshull the Harriotts-Hayes estate; and in 1837 we have deeds showing that this John Meeson and Maria, his wife sold the latter property to James Heath, from whom it passed in 1847 to George Jones, Esq. . . . With respect to John Meeson and his wife Maria *née* Green, we find that John Green of Dixon's Green, Dudley, married 26 Aug 1784 Elizabeth Woodcock who was born 12 Nov. 1755 and died at Halesowen 22 Jany. 1837. John Green himself was born 5 Dec. 1752 and died 8 Dec 1802. Their third daughter Maria Green was born 7 Nov 1792 and married at Albrighton 8 Ap. 1824 to John Meeson, Esq. of that place. He was buried at the same place 7 July 1840 and Maria his wife on 29 Dec 1852. They died without issue. There is a copy of an agreement of 11 July 1854 between John Meeson and George Jones and an indenture of the next year mentions George Parsons [brother of John Meeson Parsons, *vide* p. 89] John Meeson Parsons [Ellen, Lady Oakeley's father] John Green and John Meeson, and in that year John Meeson (presumably a nephew of the John above) sold the estate to

George Jones . . . Now owned by Raymond Barker, a Barrister London (1891)."

[Notes on Albrighton, near Shifnal, Shrop. Arch. Society Transactions, vol. ix, p. 69.]

" JOHN MEESON of Albrighton, Blakeway MS. 10, Bodleian.

Recently purchased from the Pigots of Patteshull one of the two farms called Harriot's Heys (Albrighton).

" Wildicott " the most southern part of the parish . . . lie contiguous to Sir George Pigot's pleasure grounds at Patteshull and his gardens are situated in Albrighton Parish, having been made by his predecessor Lord Pigot on that part of the Wildicott estate that was the property of Mr. John Parsons. There were three separate estates at Wildicott respectively belonging to the Earl of Shrewsbury, Mr. Pearson of Tettenhall, and Mr. Parsons of Wildicott: the whole of which was added to the Patteshull estate by the late Lord Pigott either by purchase or exchange . . . Albrighton Hall . . . still nearer to the town on that side and reckoned a part of it is a handsome white house occupied by Mr. John Meeson, to which belongs an estate he bought from the Reynolds. I have already observed that he is owner of an estate at Harriots Heys. There is a windmill near his house and he is a considerable dealer in malt and flour. His father, Mr. Thomas Meeson possessed estates at Meeson and Dawley in Shropshire, which now belong to his eldest son who resides in London (Richard)."

[Salop Arch. Socy. Trans. 1899.]

" ARDEN (elder branch, of Park Hall, Warwickshire, and younger, of Longcroft, Staffordshire) descended from Siward de Arden, son of Turchel de Warwick, a nobleman of great power and note at the period of the Conquest; who was son of Ahoine, the Saxon. The Ardens of Parkhall are the elder line and those of Longcroft the younger. The elder branch became extinct in 1643 at the decease of Robert Arden." Footnote " our ancestors, E.P."

" COOKES of Herefordshire the Boar's head " (Parson's crest).

" W. H. COOKE of Bromyard, County of Hereford, and Inner Temple Barrister."

" Longford crest: *a leg cut off at thigh or charged with two fleur de lis agendo graviter.*"

[Copy of an old note by Miss Parsons (John Meeson's sister Elizabeth).]

Note by Thomas Parsons: " The mother of Mary Parsons [? who marrd. Thomas Parsons, *circ.* 1650] must have been from Longcroft."

" RICHARD DE PICHFORD was Lord of the Manor temp Henry II; in 1295 Ralph de Pichford; and, the lands of one Isabel de Persones [? Parsons] having been escheated to him &c."

HILL of Stallington Hall, Co. Staff. Anthony Hill, Esq. of Pepperhill

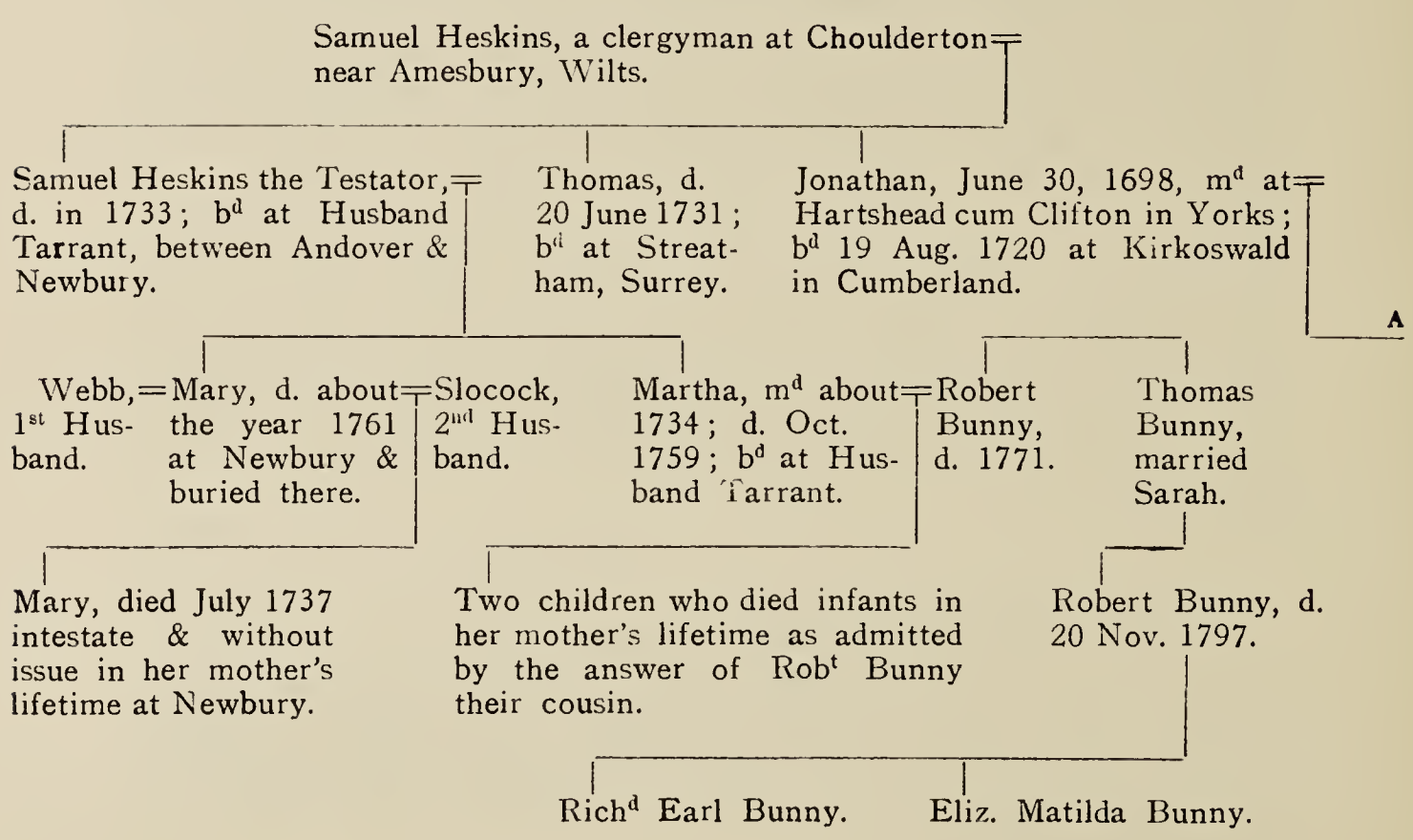
born 28 Oct. 1690 was the son of William Hill of Pepperhill, muster master for Staffordshire, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Arden, Esq.

[Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 4th edition, 1862 (see p. 200).]

The Rev. Francis Edward Arden, Longcroft Hall (d. 1855) was 9th in descent from Simon Arden who purchased Longcroft and died in 1600.

[*Shakespeareana Genealogica*, by G. R. Trench: pubd. 1869 and Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1862-3.]

Ancestry of ELLEN MAYHEW on her Mother's side.



"On 3rd. inst. at his residence Egbaston Birmingham, William Gilding Mayhew in his 70th year, 1867."

"Joshua Mayhew wrote a letter to J. Meeson Parsons 18 July 1846 from 26 Carey St." (Carey St., Lincoln's Inn.)

"1793. John Mayhew the younger of this Parish, Jane Gilding of the Parish of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, spinster, were married in this church by licence of the Bishop of London this 12th day of February 1793 by me." (Sd.) J. Kirby, Curate.

"This Marriage was solemnized between us { John Mayhew Jun / Jane Gilding }
In the presence of Willm. Druitt, Willm. Richards."

[Reg. marriages Parish of St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate.]

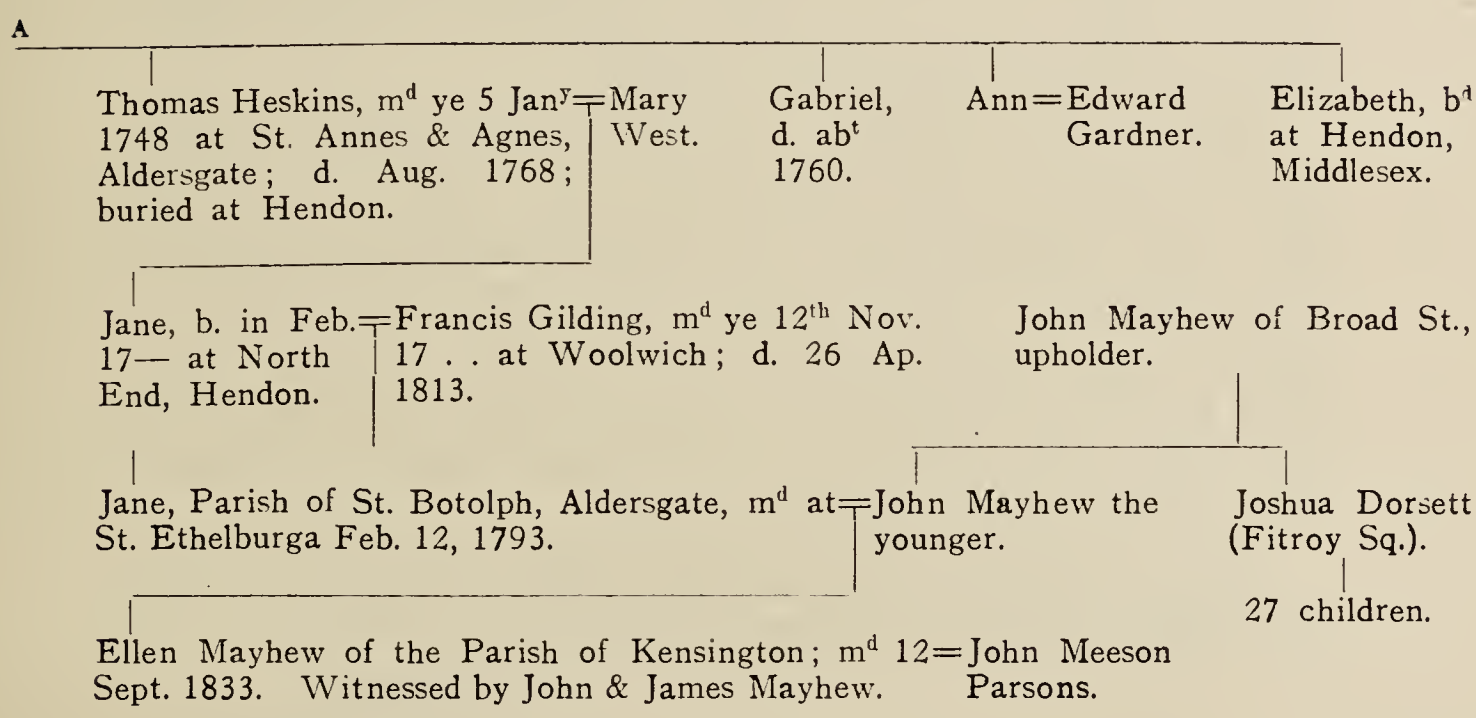
A Sarah Mayhew spinster of Great Baddon whose father was a John Mayhew, a farmer, married 1841 Daniel Baker, a cattle salesman of this parish.

JOHN MAYHEW, the younger.

His brother was Joshua, who used to live in Fitzroy Square; he had 27 children, among them Augustus, and Horace, who was one of the founders of *Punch*.

JOHN had a son William Gilding, born 1798, died May 3, 1867, aged 69, buried at Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham: his (William's) wife was Elizabeth Sarah , born 1809: d. Oct. 31, 1873: their children were Sidney, born 1842, d. June 10, 1871, aged 29; John, born 1837, d. Aug. 24, 1896, aged 59: Julia ; Samuel ; Alfred ; Rosaline; also Lilly Jane who married Henry Alexander Wyatt, and died at 30 The Avenue, Bedford Park, Chiswick, on 22 Jan. 1925.

[Obelisk, Edgbaston Parish Church.]



"Grandfather (*i.e.* Joshua James Dorset Mayhew) had another brother James who lived somewhere in Suffolk. The Mayhews came originally from Normandy—Mayeux or Mahieu, I believe, and Richard Mayhew is the man who is mentioned in connection with Magdalen Coll. Oxf." [Extract from Mrs. Houghton's letter.] She was aunt to H. S. Mayhew, Rostrevor, Thame, Oxon.

Greyfriars (Sth)
Southwold

1.ix.25.

Dear Sir

Thank you for giving me your genealogical notes.

I am sending them to Mr. Claude Morley of Monk Soham asking for his help in finding out where the Mayhews of Monk Soham disappeared to after 1798, the latest date of entries in the Register.

Indeed 1734 is the last time the name occurs—after that, the entries are of baptisms of children of married Daughters. It is interesting to see that Horace Mayhew was one of such a large family under the head of "the Brothers Mayhew," Chambers *Cyclopaedia of English Literature*, vol. 2, p. 676 speaks of Henry and Augustus as joint authors of "The greatest plague in life," "Whom to marry and how to get married," "The image of his Brother," and "Paved with gold."

Henry (the Elder) born in London in 1812, was employed by the *Morning Chronicle* in investigations concerning "Labour and the Poor," published separately under the title of "London labour and the London Poor" in 1851. He also wrote "Wood Painting from the Rhine 1856," and was one of the original writers in *Punch*.

Horace, a younger Brother, was also one of the *Punch* contributors and wrote a number of light pieces the most popular of which was "Letters left at the Pastry Cook's." Another Brother, Thos. Mayhew, commenced the "Penny National Library" and otherwise distinguished himself in the service of cheap Literature—and a fifth Brother, Edward Mayhew, is also connected with periodical literature, and author of some veterinary works. It seems hardly likely that these successful "Literateurs" came of the Monk Soham yeomen stock, in spite of the inevitable James and John appearing as witnesses in your grandmothers Register of marriage—but I will do my best to find out.

You, at all events, can show a common ancestry with them.

I hope you will help me with any further light you can get, as I should like—while I can—to put something straight and clear on record.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. MAYHEW.

MAJOR OAKELEY.

JOSHUA DORSET JOSEPH MAYHEW, mentioned above, was a Solicitor, of 19 Chancery Lane, "father of Henry and Horace Mayhew." He is mentioned in Horace Bleackley's account of the "Trial of Henry Fauntleroy" by whom he stood in his downfall.

He died in 1858. He was admitted an attorney of the Court of Kings Bench in 1802: his articles of clerkship were filed 7 Sept. 1796.

MAYHEW, AUGUSTUS SEPTIMUS, son of above.

1826-1875: fiction and plays.

MAYHEW, HENRY. Ditto.

1812-1887. Author, ed. Westminster: started *Figaro* in London 1831-9: collaborated with Augustus; an originator of *Punch* 1841: started philanthropic journalism on the subject of London poor 1862: published *German Life and Manners in Saxony* 1864: humorous works and plays.

MAYHEW, HORACE. Ditto.

1816-1872. Author: wrote farces and tales; contributed to Cruikshank's *Table Book* 1845: and *Lloyds Weekly News* 1852: sub-editor *Punch*. Many of his books illustrated by Cruikshank.

MAYHEW, THOS. CHAS. WILSON. Ed. Westminster. Son of Joshua.

MAYHEW, ALFRED. Ed. Westminster. Son of Joshua.

THOMAS GEORGE DIXON [p. 197].

The Dixon grave is in Hartford Parish Church graveyard, Cheshire: inscription:

" Sarah Wife of Thomas George Dixon M.D. of Nortwich born 12th Dec 1824 died 19th Nov. 1867
Also their infant children
William Naylor died 6th July 1853 aged 4 months
Annie Caroline died 24th Oct. 1866 aged 9 months
Also in memory of
George Parsons Naylor Dixon born 28th June 1857, died 1st May 1879
and
Thomas George Dixon M.D. born 4th Oct. 1817, died 28th Jan 1898
Who were interred in the Bathwick Cemetery Bath."

Mr. and Mrs. Naylor's grave (of Hartford) adjoins.

T. G. D.'s family consisted of Barbara (" Barrie ") who married the Vicar of Minsterley, Shropshire; Gertrude, Ada, Nellie, and George.

He went to Bennet St., Bath, *circ.* 1876.

His wife's maiden name was Naylor.

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VARIOUS OAKELEYS OF SALOP UNCLASSIFIED.

1381. JOHN OCCELE appears as attorney for Griffin de Mouthe and Katherine his wife, plaintiffs, in a plea as to the keeping of an agreement between them and James le Biere of Salop, defendant concerning two messuages in Salop.

[De Banco Roll 481. Hilary Term. 4 Rich. II, mem. 98 dorso.]

Town of Bishops Castle.

J.P. EDWARD OKELEY, 24 Sept. 1623. He married Rebecca Pope of Shrewsbury: her father was an Alderman; admitted Lincoln's Inn

1574: died 1628. Her father was Roger Pope, her mother was Elizabeth, d. of Thomas Charlton.

[Harleian, v. 29, p. 405.]

EDWARD OAKELEY is one of the thirteen burgesses of Bishops Castle at the time of the Herald's Visitation, 24 Sept. 1623.

[Harleian 1396, fo. 52 b, vol. 28, p. 6.]

Pedigree of HIGGONS OF STRETTON AND SHREWSBURY.

(Also spelt HUGONS.)

Petrus Higgons de Stretton. = Katherina, fil Rogeri Baber (? Baker) alias Tynner, Tanner.

Third daughter Elizabeth ux Johis Okeley, Ockell, circ. 1570, A.D.

URSULA BURTON born 17 Sept. 1697 married the REV. WILLIAM OAKELEY and died 30 Ap. 1758. She was the daughter of John Burton and Elizabeth Burton, *née* Rokeby.

[Harleian, Familiae minorum gentium.]

Pedigree of BYRYNGTON.

ELIZABETH, 1st daughter of Roger Byrynton married HENRY OKELEY. [Harl. MS. 7510, f. 76.] Shrop. Arms, etc. (an extremely long pedigree taken after 1629).

2 Dec. 1585. Pardon to HENRY OKELEY, late of Sherborne, yeoman, committed to gaol at the General Gaol Delivery at Dorchester on 26 August, 25 Eliz. [A.D. 1583] for having on 17 July 23 Eliz. [A.D. 1581] fabricated letters patent authorizing himself and John Edwards, late of Shaft[esbury], in keeper to be commissioners to exact from inhabitants of the Counties of Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall, offending against the statute for Maintenance of Artillery by playing unlawful games, increased fines to be applied for the repair of a certain stoneway, called "Sherborne Cawsey," between Shaftesbury and Sherborne.

The false letters patent are given in full.

The said Henry had sealed them with a great seal taken from some real letters patent and he and the same John had by virtue of the false letters patent, received sums of money, which they had converted to their own uses. The jury had found that Henry was guilty and that he had no goods, chattels, or lands.

At Westminster 2 Dec. 28 Eliz. [A.D. 1585].

[Patent Rolls 1279, 28 Eliz.: part 9, mem. 1.]

1683. OAKELEY, RICHARD, s. of R. of Broadstow Salop, paup. Brasenose College. Matric. 31 March 1683, aged 18: one of these names rector of Cold Weston, Salop, 1706.

[Alumni Oxon: 1500-1714 (vol. iii, early series). ? Broadstone.]

1723. SUSAN, wife of EDWARD OAKELEY, is mentioned in John Brown's (of the lodge Lydham) will, dated 2 July 1723, as one of his daughters. John Brown md. Mary, d. of Edward and Mary James.

[Shrop. Arch. Soc. Transactions, 4th series, vol. x, pt. 1, 1925, p. 101.]

Will of ROBERT OCKLEY of Bishops Castle. Hereford Probate, 20th Dec. 1550.

In the name of God Amen. the xxth. day of December the yere of owre Lord God aj^{x}m̃nj^{l}. I ROBART OCELEY of Bechops Castell sck in bodye and good of memorye do make my last Wyll and testamett in man and forme foloynge Fiist I bequeth my Sowell to Allmyghty God and to all the blessyd Company of hevỹn and my bodye to be buryed whin the Churchyard of Bechops Castell foresayd I geve and bequeth to John my son the howse wherein my Mother dwellyth w^{t}. all the lands meadows lesus wods and pastures to the same belongynge w^{t}. all there apptenans to have and to howelled the sayd howse w^{t}. the other the prmyssys to the said John and to his eyres for end and in defawett of such eyres to all such and enae my daughters and there eyres for end and in defawett of such ifsue to my next eyres for end and also I do geve my intrest and takyng of my howes and lands wherein I do dwell and occupye to Juan my wef durying hyr wedowode fyndyng my chylldren upon the farm and after she do marye and take a husbande then the farm howes and lands w^{t}. the apptenans to sayd John my son and to hys eyres and in defawett of suche eyres to Ellsey and Luad [?] my doghtrs duryng my yeres wyche y have in the sayd howses successively p-vydyd that my wyef have owett of the same my goods to mark hyr . . . the Jnd of vj^{l} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} . . . by the ovrsyght of my Executors and they to bestowe the resydue of my goods amongst my thre chylldren and for the woll of my . . . as they shall think best and allso I do constitute and make my Executors EDWARD OCCLEY ROWLAND OCCLEY and George Bedow to se this my last wyll and Testament fullfyllyed.

It^{m} y bequeath to the poor men's box vj^{d}. It^{m} y owe Hewe Mason xxiij^{s} It^{m} y owe Thom̃s Vynne vj^{s} viij^{d} It^{m} I have in the keepynge of DD Ap Mores of Canne Wonok won brown cowe y have in the keepynge of Edward thees beynge Wyttnesses Hewe ap Thom̃s my gostly father John Mason Robart Mason W^{t}. wothers.

Also not linked up.

Will of MARY OKELEY of Bishops Castle Widow. P.C.C. 166 Evans. 13 June 1646: abstract.

Bequeaths to her eldest son, JOHN OAKELEY "all those bedsteads bourdes and benches . . . in the loftes of my now dwelling house" and

12*d.*; to her son Edward 1*s.*; to her son Francis 1*s.*; to her two youngest sons Richard and Rowland all her goods and chattels; to the poor of the parish 10*s.*; and 20*s.* for her funeral exequies. Executors the said Richard and Rowland. Witnesses Arthur Heath, Mary Heath, Rich Morris.

Proved Nov. 1648 by RICHARD OKELEY. Letters of administration to be likewise granted to Rowland on his petition.

LAY SUBSIDY ROLLS SHROPSHIRE

HUNDRED OF PURSLOW

A.D. 1327 166/1. 1 Edward III
A twentieth.
OKLEYE
DE JOHANNA DE OCLEYE xviij*d.*
Ric'o fil. Joh'is vj*d.*
Lynleye
DE HUGONE DE OKLEYE x*d.*

A.D. 1523 166/119 15 Henry VIII
Snelcroft, Lee et OKELEY: collector WILLIAM OKELEY
WILLIAM OKELEY goodes. xl*s.* xii*d.*

A.D. 1524 166/127 16 Henry VIII
Lee et ACLEY

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A.D. 1543 166/60 35 Henry VIII
Busshops Castell
EDWARDUS OCLEY in bonis iii*li.* . . . vj*d.*
ROBERTUS OCLEY in bonis iiij*li.* . . . viij*d.*
FRANCISCUS OCLEY in bonis xx*s.* . . . ii*d.*
MARGARETA OCLEY in bonis xx*s.* . . . ii*d.*
JOANNA OCLEY in bonis xx*s.* . . . ii*d.*

A.D. 1544 166/180 36 Henry VIII
A benevolence
Lee et OKELEY
ROWLAND OKELEY . . . vj*s.* . . . viij*d.*

A.D. 1545 166/185 37 Henry VIII
Villata de Castro Episcopi
DE EDWARDO OCCLEY in bonis ad v*li.* . . . iij*s.* . . . iiij*d.*
Villata de Lee et aliis
DE ROLAND OCCLEY in terris ad xxvj*s.* . . . ij*s.* . . . viij*d.*

A.D. 1547 166/196 38 Henry VIII
Lee et OCLEY
ROWLAND OCLEY in terris xl*s*. . . . iiij*s*.

A.D. 15[47] 166/203 [38] Henry VIII
Bysschoppes Castell
EDWARDUS OCKELEY in bonis iij*li*. . . . iij*d*.
RICARDUS OCKELEY in bonis iiij*li*. . . . iiij*d*.
FRANCISCUS OCKELEY in bonis xx*s*. . . . j*d*.
MARGARETA OCKELEY in bonis xx*s*. . . . j*d*.
JOANNA OCKELEY in bonis xx*s*. . . . j*d*.

A.D. 1559 167/23 1 Elizabeth
Toterton
JOHN OCKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*.
The Towne Ennd parishe of Busshope Castell
ROWLAND OCKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*.
ROBERT OCKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*.

A.D. 1571 167/41 13 Elizabeth
Lee et OCCLEY
WYLLYAM OCCLEY in landes xx*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*.
ROWLAND OCCLEY in landes xl*s*. . . . v*s*. . . . iiij*d*.
Totorton
JOHN OCCLEY in landes xx*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*.

A.D. 1593 167/86 35 Elizabeth
Byshopes Castle
KATHERYNE OAKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*d*.
Lea et OCKLEYE
EDWARD OAKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.

A.D. 1594 167/94 36 Elizabeth
Byshopscastle
KATHERINA OKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.
Lee et OKELEY
EDWARDUS OKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.

A.D. 1595 167/99 37 Elizabeth
Busshops Castle
KATHERINA OCKLEY in terris xx*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*.
Lea et OCKLEY
EDWARDUS OCKLEY in terris xx*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*.

A.D. 1605/6 167/143 3 James I, 1606
Bushopps Castle Boroughe
EDWARD OCKLEY in terris xx*s*. . . . xvj*d*.
Lea OCKLEY et Snelscrofte
Assessors { ROWLAND OCKLEY in terris xl*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*.
ROBERT OCKLEY in terris xx*s*. . . . xvj*d*. }

A.D. 1610/11 167/151 8 James I
Bishopscastell Borrough
EDWARDUS OCKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . xvj*d*.
Lee OKELEY et Snelscrofte
ROWLANDUS OKELEY in terris xl*s*. . . . ij*s*. . . . viij*d*
ROBERTUS OKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . xvj*d*.

A.D. 1623/4 167/165 21 James I
Lea et OAKLEY
ROBERT OAKLEY in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.
MARY OAKLEY vidua in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.

A.D. (1625) 167/181 James I
Broughton Lea and OKELEY
MARIE OKELEY wydowe in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.
ROBERT OKELEY in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.

A.D. 1626 167/184 2 Charles I
Broughton Lea et OCKLEY
ROBERT OCKLEY in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.
MAREY OCKLEY vidua in terris xx*s*. . . . iiij*s*.

A.D. 1628 167/194 4 Charles I
Broughton Lea et OAKLEY
MARY OAKLEY widow in terris xx*s*. . . . viij*s*.
ROBERT OAKLEY in terris xx*s*. . . . viij*s*.

A.D. 1641
Lea and OAKELEY
RICHARD OAKELEY, ESQ. £4—0--32*d*.
ROBERT OAKELEY 20*s*.—8*d*.
RICHARD OAKELEY Commissioner

A.D. 1660 255/22 12 Charles II
Poll tax for disbanding forces
Lea et OAKELEY
WM. OAKELEY, ESQ. £4—0—0
(Payes the rest in Oxfordshire)
MRS. JUDITH OAKELEY 0—1—0
ANTHONY OAKELEY marryed 0—0—6
(Uncertain if this be son of Richard of Hereford (p. 39): "1636-37 OAKELEY Anthony s. of Richard of Hereford (city): pleb: Christ Church: matric 3 March 1636-37: aged 15. "Alumni Oxoniensis and ANTHONY OAKLEY Lieut. Dragoons to Captain Piggott in the regiment of Sir Vincent Corbett," Indigent Officers, Co. Salop, Commonwealth.)
ROBERT OOKELEY gent . . . 0—8—0
ELIZABETH OAKELEY spinster . . . 0—1—0
RICH: OAKELEY 0—1—0

A.D. 1661 168/214 13 Charles II

Collection taken under an " Act for a fre and voluntary present to his Maiesty."

" WILL OAKELEY " signs as one of the collectors of eighteen laıge subscriptions taken on September 3. 13 Charles II.

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ROBERT OAKELEY of the Lee gen. five shillings

A.D. 1663 255/24

Hearth Money

WILLIAM OAKELEY, esquire, Justice of the Peace, signs as " Wm. OAKLEY," " WILLIAM OAKELEY," " WILL OAKELEY."

JERIMY OAKLEY, Constable of the Lower Ward in Bishop's Castle is in arreere . . . 03—12—00

A.D. 1674 168/216

Hearth money.

Lidome

WILLIAM OAKELEY, Esq. 7—00—14

Lea et OAKELY

WILLIAM OAKELY, Esq. 11—01—2

ROBERT OAKLEY 2—00—4

A.D. 1678 168/217 30 Charles II

Collection of sums charged under an " Act for Raseing of Moneys by a Poll and otherwise towardes the Maintenance of a Warr against the French."

Bishop's Castle parish.

ROBERT OAKELY collector . . . 015—00—00

(Only the sum from each parish is given.)

FEET OF FINES SHROPSHIRE

(Except those already recorded)

A.D. 1595 37, 38 Elizabeth. Michaelmas Term
Sept 29-Oct. 6

Final concord made in the Octave of Michaelmas 37 Elizabeth.

ROBERT OKELEY, plaintiff.

John Bluck and Lucy his wife, and John Powell and Elizabeth his wife deforciants.

One mesuage, one barn, one garden, twenty six acres of land, three acres of meadow, four acres of pasture in Bishops Castell.

The deforciants quitclaim the premises to Robert, from themselves and the heirs of Lucy and Elizabeth; for 80*l.*

[The B. C. Register shows that Robert O., of Snelscroft, probably married Marian, daughter of John Bluck—20 Nov. 1593.]

A.D. 1599 41 Elizabeth. Trinity Term
June 3-10

Final concord made in the Octave of Holy Trinity. 41 Elizabeth.

ROBERT OKELEY, plaintiff.

George Collins and Lucy his wife, and John Collins deforciants.

One mesuage, one toft, two gardens, sixty acres of land, sixteen acres of meadow, sixty acres of pasture, six acres of wood, forty acres of furze and heath in OKELEY, Snelscrofte, Bishopes Castell and Lidbury North.

George, Lucy, and John quitclaim the premises to Robert from themselves and the heirs of Lucy; for 240*l.*

[p. 8 Anna d. of JOHN DE OCKLEY is shown as marrying a John Collins of Stretton.]

A.D. 1606 4 James I. Easter Term
Ap. 20-May 18

Final concord made a month from Easter. 4 James I.

Richard Potter and Elizabeth, his wife, plaintiffs.

Edward Gwilliam, otherwise OCKLEY, and Margaret his wife deforciants.

Forty acres of pasture in OKELEY.

Edward and Margaret quitclaim the premises from themselves and the heirs of Edward to Richard and Elizabeth and the heirs of Richard; for 40*l.*

A.D. 1607 5 James I. Trinity Term
June 1, 1607

Final concord made on the morrow of Holy Trinity. 5 James I.

Maurice Tanner and John Powell, plaintiffs.

EDWARD OKELEY, deforciant.

One messuage, one toft, one garden, half an acre of land, in Bushopps Castle.

Edward quitclaims the premises to Maurice and John, and the heirs of Maurice; for 40*l.*

[*Vide* p. 53, Maurice Tanner: John Powell's name appears on previous page. Edward is probably Andrew's eldest son.]

A.D. 1609. 7 James I. Easter Term

EDWARD OKELEY, gentleman, and Maurice Tanner plaintiffs.

Richard Colbath, and Andrew Colbath, his son and heir apparent, deforciants.

Sixteen acres of pasture in Colbath.

Richard and Andrew quitclaim the premises from themselves and the heirs of Andrew to Edward and Maurice, and the heirs of Edward; for 41*l.*

[The above Andrew was baptized 20 March 1577: *see also* pages 10, 12.]

A.D. 1618 16 James I. Michaelmas Term
Sept. 29-Oct. 6

Final concord made in the Octave of Michaelmas; 16 James I.

Arthur Warde, gentleman, plaintiff.

WILLIAM OKELEY and Joan, his wife, deforciants.

One mesuage, one barn, one garden, one orchard, twenty acres of land, six acres of meadow, sixteen acres of pasture, and common of pasture in Stretton.

William and Joan quitclaim the premises to Arthur from themselves and the heirs of William; for 100*l.*

[We cannot say who William and Joan were.]

Certificates of Musters Salop, Temp. Henry VIII. [Exchequer T.R. Misc. Books, vol. 48.]

Busshops land

" The vewe of Mustre therof takyn at the Wyndmyll by the Towne of the Lee on Monday the xviij day of September [34 Henry VIII 1542].

Totorton

Humfrey Mylward } a gestorne, a salet, and a payer of splents
Roger Boole }

Willm. Baker a salet and a payer of splents

a. Humfrey Baker

a. Roger Baker

Humfrey Mylward

Lydbury

Humfrey Baker, to paye for halfe the sheeff of arrowes to John Meyricke

John Ambleler a payer of splents

Humfrey Baker (and 3 others) a salet and a payer of splents.

a. Richard Hochekes a bill

a. Thomas Ambleler a bill

a. Edward Hochekes archer. xij arrowes

Lee and OCLEY

a. ROWLAND OCLEY } to harnes or make a fryse cote
Rowland Gĩlm } a swerd and a dagger and a
WILL^{M}. OCLEY *als* ap Rice } bill

Busshops Castell

a. Richard Mason to harnes a man

a. John Mason abowe, a sheyff of arrowes a gestorn

David Baker a bill

John Mylward a bill and a dagger

a. Robert Mason a bill

Roger Mason a bowe xij arrowes and a swerd

EDWARD OCLEY a bill

Do.

a. John Baker a dagger

a. ROBERT OCLEY a bowe and xij arrowes

a. John Tanner a bill
Thomas Tanner a bowe and xij arrowes
Edward Bright
John Mason, son to Robert Mason
a. John Mason shoemaker

The next few records are interesting as throwing a light upon the various families in the neighbourhood of B. C. in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Interrogatories to be administered to witnesses on behalf of John Yoppe, complainant against John Reinoldes, defendant.

1. Do you know the plaintiff and defendant, and a mesuage and land in Lildburye Co. Salop in controversy between them?

2. Do you know that one Roger Harper, and, afterwards, Thomas Harper as his son and heir were seized of the same premises as customary and copyhold lands of the Manor of Bushops Castell?

3. After Roger Harpers death, was it found, by the homage of the said Manor that the said Roger was seised of the said premises of estate of inheritance according to the custom of the said Manor, and was Thomas Harper accordingly admitted customary tenant as his son and heir?

4. Did Thomas Harper die without lawful heirs of his body, and is the plaintiff his cousin and heir?

5. At a Court of the Manor of Bushops Castell was it found that Thomas Harper died without direct heirs and that the plaintiff was his cousin and heir? How are they related?

6. How were copy-hold lands held of the said Manor?

7. What waste did Thomas Harper commit on the said mesuage and customary lands and what leases were made by him without licence?

8. Do you know if the said Thomas ever committed any such wilful waste or forfeiture and were the said customary lands ever seized by the Lord of the said Manor?

9. Does the defendant unjustly keep the said customary mesuage and lands from the complainant?

[Exch: Depos: 30 Eliz: Easter 1, Salop.]

Depositions of Witnesses taken at Bushops Castell on 2nd April 30 Elizabeth [A.D. 1588].

JOHN OCKLEY of Totterton, Co. Salop, Yeoman, aged about 54, examined on the plaintiff's behalf, says,

1. He knows the parties and the lands.

2. He does not remember Roger Harper well, but knew his son Thomas was seized of some part of that copyhold. He (JOHN OCKLEY) lived in the next house to the one in which Thomas Harper died.

3. Thomas was son and heir to the said Roger.

4. Thomas Harper died without direct heirs. Alice Yoppe was the

eldest daughter of Roger Harper. She had a son Humfrey who was father of John Yoppe, the plaintiff.

6. He has known the Manor of Bushopp's Castell all the time of his remembrance . . .

7. He knows of no waste committed by the said Thomas, or of leases made by him without licence. The house in which the said Thomas lived was in decay during his lifetime.

8. Does not know. 9. Does not know. John Yoppe is right heir to said premises.

This is interesting, because a reference to the pedigree on page 10 shows that ALICE OKELEY, sister of William O. of O., married a Humfrey Yopp, possibly the one above mentioned. It is possible that the above JOHN OCKLEY of Totterton was the son of Edward O., and brother to Andrew. This would account for his appearing on behalf of John Yoppe.

Two Yoppes appear on p. 38, and see p. 36, which shows that John Yoppe the plaintiff *was* grandson of John O. of O., son of Roger.

ELLNOR MYLWARDE of Totterton wife of Thomas Mylwarde aged about 60.

SIBLY AMBLER, of Lidbury, Co. Salop, widow, aged about 72 says she knows the custom of the said Manor because she dwells in it. The said tenement and lands were granted to John Ambler, her late husband, who by force thereof entered into the said premises but " was presently interrupted thereof " by William Reynoldes, father of the defendant.

[The above was probably grandmother to John Ambler who married Martha, d. of Rowland O. of O. (p. 45).

She appears in " Astwoode (20 March 5 Eliz. 1562/3) ij*d*. De Willelmo Wotton pro lic. concord : cum Sibilia Ammler." Court Rolls, Portfol. 197, No. 93.]

MARGERY HODGEKIS of Lidbury, Co. Salop, widow, aged about 70, says she did not know that a lease was granted to John Ambler after the decease of Thomas Harper.

[Possibly the mother-in-law of the first Rowland O. of O., *vide* p. 12.]

EDWARD BROUGHTON mentions that about May, 27 Eliz. (1585) the homage of the township of Lidbury at a Court held for the Manor of Bushops Castell consisted of William Lucas, Thomas Hodgekis, and W^{m}. Gyttos.

HUGH MASON of Bushops Castell, Co. Salop, gentleman, aged about 60 says he is one of the customary tenants of Bushops Castell, and was present in Court when the homage brought in the presentment mentioned by Edward Broughton.

EDWARD THORNTON says he knows John Mason and Hugh Mason, his son; and Thomas Mason and William Mason, his son, to be copyholders in the said Manor and to enjoy their copyholds as of customary estate of inheritance.

[*See* Masons on pp. 105, 106, and refer to Pedigrees on pp. 10. 11, 12, 13.]

WILLIAM LUCAS examined on behalf of the defendant says he

knew one Edward Hodgekys to occupy the lands in dispute. He heard they were let to him by Thomas Harper for a term of three years.

[Edward Hodgekys, *vide* p. 105.]

RICHARD WYNTON says he believes Thomas Harper forfeited his lease and that John Ambler obtained a lease of the premises. He was interrupted by Thomas Harper and others and complained to the Council in the Marches of Wales when it was ordered that Thomas Harper and the other defendants should have the lease and pay six pounds to the plaintiff Ambler.

THOMAS BERRINGTON, Thomas Purcell and W^m^. Paslowe plaintiffs versus Richard Caver, Thomas Corne, and Edward Clunne, defendants. (Right and title to the farm of Acton, Co. Salop.)

Depositions taken in the both Hall of the town of Bushops Castell Co. Salop, on 7th January 44 Elizabeth.

RICHARD BLUNDEN [p. 54] of Bushops Castell, gentleman, aged about 30, says,

He is now and for the space of five years ended 13th September last has been the Queen's particular receiver of the Honor of Clonne, Co. Salop, as appears by Letters patent granted to him dated 13 Sept. 38 Eliz. He received at the hand of John Hotchekys [*cf.* p. 40] Reeve of the township of Downe and Acton £7 12 0 for a years rent from Mich. 38 Eliz. to Mich. 39 Eliz., and again in 41 Eliz. when the said John was Reeve again. He allowed him 5*s.* each time for his fee.

MATHEW EYTON of Lydbury North [p. 44], Co. Salop, aged about 44, says,

That two or three weeks after the Feast of the Annunciation 42 Eliz. he paid John Hotchekys then being the Queen's Reeve of Downe and Acton 23*s.* 4*d.* being a half years rent of the farm of Acton and has continued to pay the same rent to other reeves since.

JOHN HOTCHKIS of Downe in the parish of Lydbury, Co. Salop, yeoman, aged 53, says

That he was Reeve of the township of Downe and Acton about five years before and two years before Mathew Eyton told him at the last payment of his rent that he paid in the right of the pltfs, Thos. Berrington and Thos. Purcell.

[Excheq. Depos: 44 Eliz., Hilary, 17 Salop. 1602.]

SNAKESCROFT.

A great deal of difficulty arises in the identification of the various OAKELEYS in Parish Registers etc. from the fact that, beside the main branch at OAKELEY, there was an offshoot residing close by, at Snakescroft, or Snellscroft.

There exists a tradition that two brothers, one legitimate, the other illegitimate, came to Bishops Castle, at the time of the Conquest. The former settled at OAKELEY, the latter at Snellscroft.

Be that as it may, there is no doubt that this branch had lived at Snellscroft from early times. It was only a small farm. The following letter tells how the association of this branch with Snakescroft ended:

"I am sorry to say we have no OAKELEY pedigree. I have been told that Richard, my father's brother, destroyed an illuminated OAKELEY pedigree by cutting it up to cover a book. And my mother told me she saw one of the Snakescroft deeds of the date of Edw. II. Snakescroft was entailed property, but my father's elder brother mortgaged it heavily and after his death my father payed off the mortgage and became the possessor of the property: he left it to my two brothers and myself: and we sold it about forty years ago."

[From the Rev. W. Bagnall Oakeley, Trecefn, Monmouth, Aug. 26, 1907.]

Their crest was an owl: motto "*Sapientia Deidonum*"; arms, *three snakes intertwined*, viz. *Gu.* 3 *snakes rowed in a triangular knot arg*, which is the coat of Ednowain ap. Bradwen, founder of the fifteenth noble tribe of North Wales.

The hundred roll of A.D. 1255 puts Bishop's Castle, and Snellscroft at one hide.

JOHN DE SNELLESCROFT was an undertenant of Walter fitzMadoc, and paid him 16*d.* rent.

[Eyton, xi, 204.]

The first member of this branch we have found is HUGO OKELEY, who was buried at B. C. 6 June 1582.

He married in 1577 Katherine Downe. On Hugo's death she married, at B. C., on Nov. 30, 1585, the Rev. George Harper, and died on March 29, 1604.

Two children are recorded in the B. C. register, viz.

1. ROBERT.
2. WILLIAM, who was baptized at B. C. 17 Jany. 1579.

The Inquisition post mortem of Hugo follows:

Inquisicio indentata capta apud salopiam in comitatu predicto vicesimo die Aprilio anno regni domini nostri Jacobi Dei gracia Anglie, Scocie, Francie et Hibernie Regis, Fidei defensoris, etc., videlicet Anglie Francie et Hibernie tercio et Scocie tricesimo octauo coram Thoma Corbett armigero excaetore eiusdem domini Regis comitatus praedicti virtute breuis dicti domini Regis de Mandamus eidem excaetori directi et huic inquisicioni annexi ad inquirendum post mortem HUGONI OKELEY in eodem breui nominati de et super articulis et materiis in dicto breui mencionatis per sacramentum etc. Qui quidem iuratores super sacramentum suum dicunt et presentant quod prefatus Hugo in breui predicto nominatus fuit seisitus in dominico suo vt de feodo de et in vno mesuagio sine tenemento situato iacente et existente in Snellscroft infra parochiam de Bushopps Castle in dicto comitatu Salopie. Ac eciam de et in centum acris terre cum pertinenciis eidem mesuagio spectantibus suie pertinentibus. Et sic inde seisitus existens idem Hugo postea scilicet vicesimo

sexto die Junii anno Domine millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo secundo, et anno regni domine Elizabethe nuper Regine Anglie vicesimo quarto obiit de premissis de tali statu seisitus existens. Et dicunt quod omnia predictum mesuagium et cetera premissa cum pertinenciis post mortem ipsius Hugonis descendebant et de iure descendere debent cuidam ROBERTO OKELEY vt filio et heredi predicti HUGONIS OKELEY. Et quod idem Robertus fuit tempore mortis dicti Hugonis patris sui etatis quatuor annorum et vnius mensis. Et quod Katherina vxor predicti Hugonis per spacium quatuor annorum proximorum post mortem predicti Hugonis percepit exitus redditus reuemciones et proficua premissorum et postea ad finem dictorum quatuor annorum eadem Katherina cepit in virum quendam Georgium Harper clericum. Quodque predicti Georgius et Katherina post maritagium inter eos habitum perceperunt exitus renenciones et proficua premissorum vsque ad plenam etatem ipsius Roberti, videlicet etatem viginti vnius annorum sed per quod ius aut titulum iuratores predicti penitus ignorant. Et quod predictus Robertus, videlicet vicesimum quintum diem mensis Maii, anno quadragesimo primo anno (1599) regni dicte domine Elizabethe ad plenam suam etatem viginti vnius annorum accrescens in predictum mesuagium et cetera premissa intrauit et fuit inde seisitus in dominico suo vt de feodo. Et sic inde seisitus existens vnam terciam partem premissorum eisdem Georgio et Katherine pro dote ipsius Katherine racione cooperture inter predictos Hugonem et Katherinam assignauit nomine dotis dicte Katherine. Et quod predictus Georgius Harper et Katherina vt in iure ipsius Katherine a plene etate predicti Roberti tenuerunt et adhuc tenent predictam terciam partem et exitus et proficua inde perceperunt et adhuc percipiunt racione assignacionis dotis predicte. Et quod predictum mesuagium et cetera premissa tempore mortis dicti Hugonis et a toto tempore cuius contrarium memoria hominum non existit tenebrantur et modo tenentur de Ricardo Broughton armigero et de antecessoribus suis vt de manerio suo de la Hame in comitatu predicto per fidelitatem et quendam annualem redditum in libero et communi socagio pro omnibus aliis seruiciis exaccionibus et demandis quibuscunque et non de dicto domino Rege vel aliquo progenitorum suorum in capite vel per seruicium militare aut de aliquo alio per seruicium militare. Et iuratores predicti vlterius dicunt quod predictum mesuagium et cetera premissa tempore mortis predicti Hugonis fuerunt et modo sunt annui valoris vltra omnes reprisas viginti solidorum [medieval shilling]. Et quod predictus Hugo tempore mortis sue nulla alia suie plura tenuit terras tenementa suie hereditamenta de dicto domine Rege nunc aut de aliquo alio in dominico aut seruicio prout iuratoribus predictis constare poterit. Et dicunt eciam quod predicta Katherina nuper vxor predicti Hugonis modo est superstes et in plena vita videlicet apud Bushopscastle in comitatu predicto. In cuius rei testimonium &c examinatur.

[Court of Wards. Inquisitio post mortem, vol. 30, No. 32. Examinatur per Wynn. Salopia, Hugo Okeley.]

ROBERT of Snakescroft.

Baptized at B. C. 25 May 1578. Probably buried at B. C. 17 Ap. 1658. Churchwarden at B. C. Probably Bailiff B. C. 1654.

It is difficult to say which were his children, or who was his wife. Possibly he married Elizabeth * Owens on 22 April 1600 [wife alive in 1658]. We cannot be certain whether the following list is correct or not.

Children:

1. JOHN, bp. 17 Oct. 1602 [doubtful].
2. Edward, bp. 25 Nov. 1604 [doubtful].
3. SARA, bp. 17 Sept. 1606, probably married — Perkes, having two children, Sarah and Ann, mentioned in Robert's will.
4. ELIZABETH, bp. B. C. 1 Jany. 1608: unmarried in 1658.
5. Mary, bp. B. C. 24 Feb. 1610.
6. PHILLIP, bp. 28 Nov. 1613.

"ROBERT OCLE son of Hugh of Snakescroft Co Salop, yeoman, dec^d of Mercers Comp. Nov. 12, 1593."

[Morris MS. Mrs. Eyton, v, 1593.]

Will of ROBERT OAKELEY of Snellscroft in the parish of Bishops Castle dated 13 April 1658. P.C.C. 383 Wootton.

I being aged make my will and desire to be buried in the Church of B. C. I give my daughter ELIZABETH OAKELEY £200 and the standing bed in the parlour after her mother's death. I give to my wife ELIZABETH * OAKELEY various farm beasts (specified) and all the corn and grain in house and field to be disposed of at her pleasure. To my grandchild Sarah Perkes £20 and some goods; and to her sister Ann Perkes two ewes and lambs. To the son and daughter of JEREMY OAKELEY £3: to Damares Crouther, two ewes and lambs. To RICHARD, HESTER, and ELIZABETH OAKELEY one ewe lamb each. To the poor of the parish 40*s*. To my wife and daughter Elizabeth all my brass, pewter &c. equally between them. To my daughter Elizabeth the residue of my goods. I will that ROBERT OAKELEY my grandchild shall have all the implements of husbandry after his grandmother's death.

Execut: My daughter ELIZABETH OAKELEY. *Witnesses* JEREMY OCKLEY, Brian Crowther, Sarah Hodges, ROBERT OAKELEY. Proved 2 July 1658 by Eliz: O. daughter and exec:

"Fines cessed in absence. Salopp, ROBERT OCKLEY vj*s* viij*d*."

[Possibly the above. Harl. MS. 4220, Ludlow Fines, f. 257, 1630, 25 Aug.]

ROBERT OAKELEY of Snakescroft.

Grandson of above.

Probably born about 1640.

[?] His son.

ROBERT OAKELEY of Snakescroft.

Who married Ann about 1728: she died 3 Aug. 1763, aged 57: born 1706.

In the high Chancel of Ludlow Church in Roman letters.

In Memory
ANN OAKLEY of Snakescroft
in the parish of Bishops Castle
Who departed this life the 3rd of
August 1763, aged 57
W. ROBERT OAKLEY
2nd son of the above MRS. OAKLEY
Died August 5th. 4th. 1776
Aged 46
Elizabeth, relict of
W. ROBERT OAKLEY
Died November 16, 1793
Aged 70

Bishops Castle Church.

This tomb is erected
To the memory of RICHARD OAKELEY
(late of Snakescroft)
Who departed this life August 18th 1807
Aged 78 years
Also in memory of Margaret, wife
of RICHARD OAKELEY, who died Oct 15, 1823
Aged 77 years.

From this we gather that the children of Robert and Ann were:

1. RICHARD OAKELEY of Snakescroft.

Born 1729: died Aug. 18, 1807: buried at B. C.

Probably he married Margaret Statham on Oct. 5th, 1769 at Clunbury: she was born 1746, died Oct. 15, 1823, and was buried at B. C.

2. W. ROBERT: born 1730: died Aug. 5, 1776.

Married Elizabeth who was born 1723 and died Nov. 16, 1793.

RICHARD and Margaret probably had the following children:

1. ROBERT who was born 1771 and died Ap. 10, 1814.

He married Sarah who was born 1772 and died July 3, 1810.

Bishops Castle Church.

Sacred to
ROBERT OAKELEY
Late of this town
Who died April 10, 1814
Aged 43
Also of
Sarah, his wife
Who died July 3d 1810
Aged 38

2. RICHARD: born 1773: died January 11, 1854.
He married Ann , who was born 1798, and died May 26, 1828.

Bishops Castle Church. Altar Tomb.

In memory of
RICHARD OAKELEY
(late of Snakescroft)
Who died January 11th 1854
Aged 81 years
The tomb is erected in
Memory of Ann, wife of
RICHARD OAKELEY (of Snakescroft) who
Died May 26th 1828
Aged 30 years

"In a title to some property in Wentnor, Salop, Robert and RICHARD OAKELEY were parties to deeds dated 10th June 1756, and 25th March 1760. I assume both of them were lawyers at B. C. and were joined only to fulfil legal technicalities."

[From a letter by W. Medlicott, Wilmcote, Craven Arms.]

3. THOMAS: born 1773, died 1861, of Lydart House, Monmouthshire, D.L., J.P. Had nine children. Married Elizabeth Pearce of Staverton, Glouc., in 1816, as second wife (1st wife, Miss King of Jamaica, b. 11 May 1790).

(a) REV. WILLIAM BAGNALL OAKELEY, Trecefn, Monmouthshire, born 18 Ap. 1822, d. 1912. Marrd. Mary Elizabeth, d. and coheir to John Bagnall of West Bromwich. M.A. and Fellow of Jesus, Oxf.: lecturer of Newland.

(b) RICHARD HENRY. Surgeon Bengal Army. Md. (1) Charlotte Hesketh Biggs (2) Edith Johnson, s.p.

(c) THOMAS WILLIAM, of Lydart and of Monmouth, solicitor, d. 1890: md. Jane Anne, d. of Robt. Fisher of Wonastow.

(d)

(e) RHODA. Md. George Vernon Bankes of Much Birch, Co. Heref.

(f) BEATRICE. Md. George Trower of London.

(g) EMILY EDITH. Married John Jones of Langstone, Co. Heref.

(h) JULIA ELIZA, b. 1818, d. 16 June 1843.

(i) JAMES. Rev. : had 9 children. Vicar of Llanishen, afterwards of Hereford: md. (1) Elizabeth, by whom he had all girls, only child and heir to John Probyn of Monmouth (2) Frances Elizabeth Eckley of Credenhill, Heref., by whom he had all boys save one.

4. BEATRA: bp. at Clunbury, Sept. 29, 1792.

The following is probably one of the Snakescroft family:

Bishops Castle Church.

Here lyeth underneath this stone
The body of EDWARD
OAKELEY, late of this town
Who departed this life
December ye 18th 1764
Aged 73

WILLIAM BAGNALL OAKELEY: children.

1. JAMES, B. O. Rev. : d. coel. 1881.
2. RALPH : d. 1873: unmd.
3. JOHN . Surgeon R.N.: md. Thyra Mosely: no living issue.
4. KEMEYS LEOLINE CHURCH PEARCE: b. 1864, md. 1903, Amy P. Barwell. Vicar of Hemsby, Co. Norf.: issue. Henry Kemys, b. 1904, Richard Perceval, b. 1908, d. Jan. 30, 1933.
5. RICHARD HENRY: b. 1866. Md. Augusta Bolden, Ben Rhydding, London Rd., Cheltenham: only daughter, Rachel md. June 18, 1927 to A. C. McCarthy.

Children:

i. LEOLINE RICHARD.
ii. RACHEL.
iii. JOHN ROWLAND.

6. MARY BEATRICE: b. 1854.
7. JANE PARNEL: b. 1858, md. Sydney Gilliat, Vicar of Brislington, Bristol.
8. ELIZABETH BLANCHE MARY, b. 1860, md. John Basley Tooke Hales.
9. AETHEL: b. 1863: md. H. E. Sheppard of Jarvis Brook, Sussex, who d. 1923. The Grove, Chalford, nr. Stroud, Glos.

Children of Thomas William and Jane Anne.

1. THOMAS ROBT., of Lydart and of Monmouth. Solicitor: md. Sarah, d. of Joseph Firbank of St. Julians: issue: (a) William Robt. (b) Mabel Grace.
2. JOHN CHURCH. Md. Margaret Cockburn: ob. s.p
3. WILLIAM PEARCE. M.A. Jesus, Oxf. Canon of St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane: md. Alice, d. of Buckley.
4. CECILY. Md. G. O. Willis. Surgeon, s.p.
5. MARY BLANCHE. Md. H. C. Moffat of Goodrich, Co. Heref.
6. CHARLES EDWARD. Md. Maud Imary, s.p.

[See *History of Monmouthshire*, by J. A. Bradney, vol. ii, part 2, p. 170.]

OXFORDSHIRE.

FEET OF FINES OXFORD

187/2, No. 32

A.D. 1200

Three weeks from Michaelmas, 2 John. Fine between CECILIA DE OCLE plaintiff and Thomas de Bensinton deforciant concerning the dower of the said Cecilia which she claims as the gift of William Palmer, her former husband, in Bensinton, whereof there was a plea between them in the King's Court at Westminster.

The said Cecilia quitclaims to the same Thomas and his heirs all her right and claim in the said dower and for this the said Thomas grants to her a messuage with a courtyard in Bensinton which Hugh Cuillum held, to hold for the term of her life in the name of dower by the service of 12*d.* a year payable at Easter and Michaelmas and for this the said Thomas has given her 10*s.*

FEET OF FINES OXFORD

191/26, No. 27

June 25, 1418.

The Morrow of St. John the Baptist. 6 Henry V.

Fine between THOMAS OKLE and Agnes his wife plaintiffs, and Thomas Bate and Joan his wife deforciants concerning a messuage with appurtenances in Tettesworth which the deforciants acknowledge to be the right of the said plaintiffs and for this quitclaim and fine the plaintiffs have paid to the deforciants the sum of ten marks [£6 13*s.* 4*d.*]

We are not in a position to state definitely how the OAKELEYS came to own property in Oxfordshire: evidently from the Launton MS., the connection existed from an early date. Launton is a small parish near Bicester, and the following extract was made from a transcription by a Miss Phillips (from a MS. left by a former Rector).

" . . . In 1640 by a deed dated Dec. 3d, Sir J. Doormer surrendered his lease of this Manor (Launton) to RICHARD OAKLEY Esq 1640/53.

The family of OAKELEY descend from Philip, who in the reign of Henry III was LORD OF OAKLEY in the parish of Bishop's Castle in Salop [no trace], from which place he took his surname and which has ever since been in possession of his descendants. A long standing connection had existed between members of this family and Westminster Abbey. In 1410 " RICHARD OCLEE, clerk of Westminster, Bailiff " was sent to Langeton on business relative to this Manor; and two centuries later, in 1618, as we have just seen, another of the same name was clerk to Sir J. Whitelock, the Steward of the Abbey estates. The first part of this family known to be connected with this Village was ROBERT OAKELEY. In 1625, the year before Charles Ist's coronation, all persons possessed of land, or other property for their own use for three years were required to present themselves before the King on the following

January 1st, to receive the honour of Knighthood; but it was allowable to avoid this by payment of a fine. Among those who paid Knighthood Compositions was " ROB^{T}. OKELEY of Launton £12."

[See Committee for advance of money, 1645.]

" RICHARD OAKLEY, eldest son of ROWLAND OAKELEY Esq: and M.P. for Bishop's Castle, had a patent from the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, dated 2.1.1625/6 as Receiver and Solicitor, which on Dec. 7, 1626, was renewed to him and his brother John jointly. For some years he rented the farm here known as Hareleys, which had previously been in the occupation of the Cottisford family; but was then resident in London. A letter from his Steward has been preserved. " MR OCKLEY. Your anticente acquainitance had given me notice enofe to remedy anythinge wherein I might plesuere you or yor Brothers. This retorne here inclosed was sent me and A letter by A powerful messenger (as they thought) wch wyll earnes wth me to send a messenger to yor Brother wth all speed. I ansered them that you were of my acquaintance and I woould deal so kindly wth my frends as first to lett them know of it and afterwards If they did Refuse them I woold send for them to conclud I had done this Busines for you longe before you write to me for yor sake and all the paines they coulld make coulld not, nor shall not make me dowe my frends the least discourtisy and for yor better sattisfaction I have sent you these retorne and aqquitance for the servis so wth my love tell wee meet I rest yor lovinge ffrend. Jo Allen. Sir Thomas Merrie or any officers can^{not} Touch yor Brothers Wthout my consent."

No lessee has as yet resided in the Manor House; but, upon MR OAKLEY'S leasing it, it was rebuilt to form a fitting residence for a gentleman and his family. This new house is said to have consisted of a long front with two gable ends and was a building of considerable size. The greater part of the front elevation still remains but the two ends have long ago disappeared. In this house various members of the OAKELEY family resided through nearly a century. The first occupant was MR. SAMUEL OAKELEY [p. 49] who was put in charge of his brother's estate. He was the first of the family buried in Launton Church. " Here lyeth the body of SAMUEL OAKELEY, gent. 2nd son of ROWLAND OAKELEY of OAKELEY, in the County of Salop, who departed this life the 27th February 1638." The heavy demands for the King's service in the Civil War were now at their height and MR. OAKELEY was a " distinguished supporter of the Royal cause." As holding property belonging to Westminster Abbey he was legally exempted from the payment of such, and he claimed the exemption, not to save himself, as it would have cost him little to discharge it, but to maintain the old right given to the Abbey by Edward the Confessor. But the parish officers did not acknowledge or like this claim. So, in 1636, they complained.

Oxoniensis. These are to certifie that, whereas the lordship of Launton being in the North Division of the Hundred of Ploughley was charged with

two cartes for His Majesty's service about the 7th of Aprill last past MR RICHARD OAKELY who holds the great farm there, and also his Brother SAMUELL OAKLEY under him doe jointly refuse to contribute to the service then comanded, albeit all the Farmers before him from time to time ever payed as the other neighbours according to proportion—George Bowen

Witnesses Robert Skinner, Parson of Launton [p. 52]
John Deely } Constables
William Henn }
The mark of John Jones
Thomas Coates

Legal proceedings were then instituted against him, but some friends paid the quota demanded and then sent him the receipt and the accompanying letter. "The xxth of May 1636. Then received from MR RICHARD OCKLEY of Launton the some of six shillings for to conveye Tow loads of wood for his Mates Portion. Jo Allen. Prior."

MR. OAKELEY next petitioned that proceedings might be stayed "To the Right Honble Henry le Vane, Comptroller of the King's Howse and one of his Majesty's most Honble Privy Council. The humble peticon of RICHARD OAKLEY, Receiver generall of the revenues of the Church of Westminster and fermr. of the seate of the Manor of Launton parcell of the possessions of the said Church on the behalf of the said Church and of himselfe. Humbly sheweth that, whereas Queene Elizabeth in the 2nd year of her reigne . . . &c. (privilege of Westminster)."

There is extant another petition to the same effect in which, speaking of the collection of rents, MR. OAKELEY further says that "he onlie undertooke it heretofore at the request of the Colledge in which service he did yearlie disburse iij*li.* a years at lease more than he could receive"; and then this note is appended "The peticoner RICHARD OAKELY maketh oath that for the space of two yeares and more last past neither hee nor anie other for him to his use hath received one penny profitt from the farm of Launton in the Countie of Oxon. And, for the yeare before these two last yeares hee did receave verie little profitt if hee did receave anie at all

RIC. OAKELEY
jurat 9th Dec. 1645
Robt. Aylett."

On Sept. 18th in the following year an ordinance was passed to clear RICHARD OAKELEY of his delinquency.

. . . . . .

MR. OAKELEY was among the sufferers, so much that, in the year before his death, he was obliged to raise money by the mortgage of his estate in Launton (to "Martha Collrond of London, gentlewoman" one of the daughters of Sir John Collrond, Bart.).

Two of his children were baptized in Westminster Abbey, Mary on

July 15, 1624, John Sept. 15, 1629. The first of these was buried at Launton [p. 61].

. . . . . .

His second wife was a considerable benefactor to Lambeth by bequests for charitable purposes. Her name was long preserved in one of the streets, to which it was given, and in " The OAKELEY Bun House " at the corner of that street, quite recently existing.

(Will dated April 12, 1671. Registered Duke 106, H.M. Court of Probate.) Christopher Wormall (her father) was Receiver-General to Archbishop Whitgift, Abbot and Laud and Resident at Lambeth.

The gravestones were removed from the Chancel in 1843, and are now in the Nave.

RICHARD OAKELEY died intestate and his eldest surviving son William administered the estate on January 16, 1653/4. The lease of this Manor then passed to his only surviving brother JOHN OAKELEY, Esq. JOHN OAKELEY of St. Margarets, Westminster, gent, a bachelor aged 41 had a licence from the Bishop of London dated 7th January 1640 to marry Laureola (baptized at Willesden, January 2nd, 1618/9. The only issue of this marriage was a son, John, whose Will, dated Sept. 5, 1665, was proved by his mother on February 28, same year, wherein he describes himself as " Citizen and Fishmonger of London ") second daughter of Sir Thomas Panton, Gentleman of the Privy Council to King James Ist, and General of H.M. Forces in the Palatinate. He held the office of Receiver-General at Westminster Abbey. His wife was buried at Launton. On a black marble gravestone in capitals: " Here lyeth the body of LAUREOLA OAKELEY widow the wife of JOHN OAKELEY, gent, 2nd daughter of Sir Thomas Panton, Knt, who departed this life November 23, 1684."

" WILLIAM OAKELEY Esq. followed his uncle in the tenure of the Manor. During his occasional residence at Launton there came here the famous naturalist John Ray to marry one of his daughters. " In 1672 Mr. Ray, having lost some of his best friends, and, being in a manner left destitute [resolved ?] to console himself with female society, and in June 1673 married a young lady not half his age, being only 20 years of age, the daughter of MR. WILLIAM OAKELEY, of Launton, Oxfordshire." (Mr. Ray was born 1628, died 1705.)

In 1697 MR. OAKELEY obtained a renewal of his lease, but having now reached three score years and ten he substituted for his own name as tenant that of his eldest son Richard then 16 years of age.

" RICHARD OAKELEY, ESQ., High Sheriff of Shropshire 1724.

In 1747 he mortgaged his estate here (" An Act of Parliament obtained for the purpose of raising money out of the settled estates of RICHARD OAKELEY in the Counties of Oxon and Salop for the payment of several debts and encumbrances ").

In the same year there is an entry in the Court Rolls that several copyhold estates of RICHARD OAKELEY, Esq., were vested in John

Walcot and Andrew Hill, Esq., by an Act of Parliament for the purpose therein mentioned. Mr. Walcot was his grandfather.

In 1760 for the assessment of land-tax it was valued at £228 per annum. The lease of it was not renewed to him, and a few years later the connection of this family with Launton, which had lasted more than a century, came to an end. The last burial was in 1723, "OAKELEY, MARIA, dep: March 11."

She was probably a personage of some weight in her day, for it was a popular belief in the early part of last century (19th) that the Manor House was haunted by its latest occupant, clad in her usual costume, with a high-crowned hat on her head, and mittens on her hands."

[Dunkin's *History of Bicester.*]

FEET OF FINES OXON.

Easter 12 Ch. I

1 May 1626.

Quindenc of Easter 12 Charles I.

Fine between RICHARD OAKELEY esquire and JOHN OAKELEY gentleman plaintiffs and Edward Ewer gentleman and Elizabeth his wife and Elizabeth Betts widow deforciants of one messuage one barn one garden one orchard 33 acres of land 4 acres of meadow 20 acres of pasture 3 acres of wood and common of pasture for all beasts in Launton. The deforciants acknowledge the premises to be the right of the said Richard by their gift and have quitclaimed the same to the said Richard and John and the heirs of Richard for ever; and for this fine and quitclaim the plaintiffs have paid them 60*li.*

1641. Assessment of two subsidies granted 16 Ch. I Launton. Cert[d]. RICARDUS OAKELEY armiger in bonis vj*li.* . . . xxxij*s.*

[Lay Subs. Rolls 164/484.]

1642. Assessment of subsidy granted 17 Ch. I Launton. RICHARD OAKELEY Esq.

[Amount illegible.]

[Lay Subs. Rolls 164/496.]

(Above is "An Estreate of moneyes taxed and collected out of the said Hundred for disbanding the Armyes and setling the peace of the two Kingdomes of England and Scotland.")

1642. RICHARD OKELEY of Launton Esq. is assessed at v*li.* iij*s.*

[Lay Subs. Rolls 164/496A.]

1665. Assessment of hearth tax for half year ending Michaelmas 17 Ch. II. Launton, WILLIAM OKLEY . . . iij.

[Lay Subs. Rolls 164/573.]

It is curious that a WILLIAM DE HOCKLE is mentioned under the hamlet of "Wrehthewike" as a villein: A.D. 1291. "½ virgate for 5*s.*"

[Rev. O. C. Blomfield's *History of Bicester.* The above is Wretcwick, close to Launton.]

Assessment of a sixteenth granted 10 Edw. II for the whole country. 1316-17. Hundredum di Pough'louwe.

Cottesford. DE RICARDO DE HOCKELE . . . xviij*d.*
Boycot (? Bodicote). DE JOHANNE DE OKLE . . . xvj*d.*
DE WILLELMO DE OKE . . . xviij*d.*

Hundredum de Bloxham.
Abberbur'. DE WILLELMO DE HOCKELE . . . ij*s.* vj*d.*
[Lay Subs. Rolls 161/8.]

Assessment of a twentieth granted 1 Edw. III, for the whole county. 1327-8. Hundredum de Pough de lowe.
Lillingston et Boycote. DE WILLELMO DE OCLE . . . ij*s.* iiij*d.*
[Lay Subs. Rolls 161/9.]

Assessment of a twentieth granted 34 Edw. I for the whole county. 1305-6. Hundredum de Powedelowe.
(Name of township missing.) DE JOHANNE DE OKELE . . . v*d.* ob.
[Lay Subs. Rolls 161/10.]

ROBERT OAKELEY [p. 115]. We do not know whose son he was. He appears in the list of the "Committee for advance of Money."
[Vol. A. 69, f. 3.]

ASSESSMENTS 1645, AP. 14TH.

London & Parts adjacent	Notice given	Sommes assessed	Lent formerly	Sommes payed in	Collector's name
Mr. Oakley ibid*	Aprill 22	080.00.00	015.00.00	015.00.00	00 Wilson

May 2. ROBERT OAKELY p^{d}. 15^{l}. to Mr. Laud in disch: May 2, 1645, for wch he hath the pub^{c}. faith.
May 2, 1645.

OAKELY. Ordered that MR. OAKELY, E.3, pays fifteen pounds to be discharged for that his estate here in Oxfordshire (under power?) of the King's army.
[Vol. A.A., f. 140.]

26 Xbris 1645.

Wth in the Kinges quarters	MR. OAKELY.	
	In Oxfordshire for 3 lives—150*li.*	
	out of wch he payes yearely rent to Westminster . . .	40.13.4
	Soe rest	109. 6.8 *p.* ann
	freehold land there	020. 0.0 *p.* ann
	theise are Ingaged for . . . 1000	
	Coppyhould land there . . .	017. 0.0 *p.* ann

(* Of Bread St. Ward.)

In Shropshire. under sequestracion to the parliam[t].	The Mannor of Lidham . . .	100.00.00 *p.* ann
	A messuage and lands in OKELY bishoppes Castle and broughton	040.
	A tenement and land in Nayton [? Eyton] lett for one life 13*s* 4 upon improuem[t]. 5*l*. . . .	000.13.4
	Lands in Totterton	017.00.0
	In m	157.13.4
	(Endorsed) MR. OAKLEY.	

WILLIAM OKELEY of Hillesden [near Launton] (and others), all of Co. Bucks.

Information

That OKELY corresponded with Oxford and Borstall garrisons, Co. Bucks.

[Vol. iii, p. 1233, 28 May 1650.]

OKELY petitions that being informed against to the County Commissioners (he) may have a copy of the charge, and leave to examine witnesses (granted) [30 August].

1599. OKELEY, OKLEY, John of Bucks, pleb. Magdalen Hall. Matric. 2 Nov. 1599: aged 30.

1615. OKELEY, OKELIE, William of Bucks: pleb: Corpus Christi Coll: matric: entry 17 Oct. 1615, aged 13: B.A. 12 Dec. 1620: del. 1620/1: lic. M.A. 25 June 1623.

1699. OAKELEY, s. of Ric: of High Wycombe, Bucks, gent. St. Edmunds Hall. Subscribed 25 May 1699, aged 19: B.A. from New College 1703: M.A. 1706, rector of Sigston Kirby, Yorks: 1729.

[Alumni Oxoniensis 1500-1714, vol. iii, early series.]

Skinners' Company: apprenticeships.

1676. WILLIAM OAKELEY, s. of William, late of Hillesden, Bucks, clerk: dec[d].

[Misc. Gen. et Her. 3rd series, vol. i, p. 194.]

CROWTHER.

On p. 43, we have seen that Rowland O. of O. married Mary Crowther: the following are a few extracts about that family.

Will of Richard Crowther of Bedston Salop P.C.C. 41 Bakon dated 8th April 1579 " being sick in body."

To Agnes, my wife, the use of six oxen and eight kine and three score sheep and the crop (if any) on the field and also in the barn and the whole tenement with the use of all household stuff for her life. After her death to John, my eldest son, the said six oxen eight kine and the tenement at Bedston. To my son Richard 20 nobles. To my son Lewis £10, which is to remain in the hands of his brother William and to be bestowed on him at such time when it may do him some singular pleasure. To my son

Bryan all my lands in Tempseter in the Lordship of Clonne so that he may be of better "habilitie" to help the rest of his kinsmen and friends. To the children of John and Johan Hicks of Hardwick £6 : 13 : 4 among them. To the children of John and Anne Burton of London 20 nobles between them.

I leave the four of them that remain with me to my wife and to John and Bryan my sons, to bring them up.

Twenty nobles between the children of John and Rose ap Powell of Knighton. Twenty nobles between the children of John and Alis Crowther, £4 between the two children of Elizabeth my daughter. One noble towards the repair of the church at Bedston 20/- to the poorest in the parish. 33/4 to buy 20 "suckes" for poor men in the country. 5/- per annum for ever to the poor men's box at Knighton, to be paid out of the tenement I bought of John ap Powell of Knighton. To the poor man's box at Bedston and Buckmyll 5/- to be paid out of the same tenement. To James ap Thomas my servant a cow. To William Padmore, my servant, a cow. To Johan Hickes the younger a great pan. To William Tydder parson of Bedston 10/. All leases in the parishes of Lauver, Bethouse Clonne and Clombery to my four sons John, Richard, William, and Bryan. James ap Edward to have his land again which I have in mortgage provided he pays before &c.

John ap Evan to have the acre of ground which I have in mortgage &c. Residue to my sons William and Bryan and they to be executors. My two brethren Thomas and Edward, my brother-in-law John Legford clerk and my sons Richard and Lewis to be overseers.

Witnesses William ap Tidder, clerk, Thomas Crowther Edward Crowther and Thomas Legfford.

Proved 10th Oct. 1579 by Bryan, power being reserved to William Crowther.

1 Eliz: (A.D. 1558) Richard Crowther in bonis viij*li*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

[Bedstone Lay Subsidy Roll.]

1597.

JOHN BRADFIELD, Henry Morton, Thos: Blashfield and others, plaint[s] versus Thomas Evans, Richard Baylie, Thos: Langford and Robert Berry def[s]. (Land granted by Edward IV to the burgesses of Ludlow, Co. Salop, in fee farm in Staunton Lacy. Touching a new Charter obtained by the defendants) (A.D. 1597). The Queen's writ dated 15 June 39 Eliz. appoints as Commissioners Brian Crowther, Esq. Edward Watyes, Esq. Edward Crowther, gentleman and Lewis Evans gentleman. Depositions taken at Ludlow, Co. Salop, on the 5th August 39 Eliz. (A.D. 1597) before the Commissioners named in the writ.

JOHN CROWTHER of Ludlow, gentleman, one of the bailiffs of the said town aged about forty says. "That there had been great fraud and mismanagement practised by the defendants in the affairs of the Corporation. . . ."

[Excheq: Depos: 39-40 Eliz. Mich. 37 Salop.]

Will of William Crowther, P.C.C. 66 Weldon.

Born at Bedston, Salop, but now remaining at Wiveliscombe. Clerk. Dated 1st Jany. 1591, in 46th year of my age.

To the poor of the parish of Bedston 20*s*. To the poor scholars in Brasenose College, Oxon, where I was brought up, 20*s*. To the poor of Tugforde where I was sometime parson 20*s*. To the poor of the parish of Astonbottrell where I was sometime parson 20*s*. To the poor of the Church of Heref where I had a small prebend, 20*s*. To the poor of the parish of Wiveliscombe and Fitzhead, Somerset, where I was Vicar 20*s*. To the poor present at my burial 20*s*. A seemly monument to be erected over me. The rest of my lands, rents, perpetual annuities, goods and chattels, as follows: £900 to be employed as a perpetual stock equally in London, Oxford and Cambridge for nine students (of three families) and their successors of my cogname by birth or adoption, for divinity, law, physic, philosophy, the knowledge of the tongues, and all other liberal arts etc. etc. The residue to erect certain particular families of the same cogname especially in Wiveliscombe and other convenient places for the supply of the former three families agreeable to such orders as hereafter in this my book I shall express. My brother Bryan Crowther and my adopted son Meredithe Crowther, alias John ap Griffith ap Howell Goz, to be executors.

My friend Mr. Richard Harris, Principal of Brasenose College and my cousins Arthur Crowther, Edward Crowther and John Crowther [probably the Ludlow ones] also Adam Crowther and all the rest of my kinsfolk of name and blood to see that this testament is performed.

Witness Meredithe Crowther.

Confirmed by me on 1st January 1594 in the 50th year of my age.

Proved on 11th July 1617 by Meredithe Crowther alias John ap Griffith ap Howell Goz with power reserved to Bryan Crowther.

[Original written in a book. Marginal note refers to another later will of the same testator proved in 1619.]

BRYAN CROWTHER was Recorder of Ludlow 1585: he was eldest son of Thomas Crowther of Ludlow.

Inner Temple, Nov. 1571. His son was High Sheriff of Radnorshire 1639.

Will of Richard Crowther of Bedston Co. Salop gentleman, dated 29 November 1621. P.C.C. 17 Savile. I give to Hereford Cathedral 12*d*. If my wife Mary does not meddle with my personal estate or claim other jointure or estate in my lands than I made her at first, then she shall have the said jointure, £200 in money, and her own plate and household stuff now being in her own house in Worcestershire. I bequeath £5 a year to my two brothers Edward and Alexander. I bequeath to the parishes of Bedston, Knighton, and Bucknill £10 each, for the poor of the said parishes. I give my sister OKELEY'S two daughters now unmarried, £10 each, to be paid within six months after their marriages. And to her

three sons Samuel, John, and Jeremy £5 each. Whereas £40 were delivered to me for the use of the wife and children of John James of Auston deceased I have put it out and taken security in manner following . . .

I bequeath £5 each to Thomas Harley, Esq. and Thomas Longwell, between whom I once made an award.

If my wife shall agree with my executors and dwell and keep hospitality in my house at Bedston, and keep and relieve my said brothers there, then she shall have the lands I have taken in mortgage at Hopebaris.

To my servants who shall be with me at the time of my death 20*s* each.

To the poor of Clunbury, Hopton, Clungunford and Leyntwardine, £10 between them.

Executor. My son Brian and during his minority I appoint my uncle Brian Crowther, my cousin Thomas Hicks, my uncle George Holland and my brother William Holland gentlemen to be my executors.

To my said son Brian I bequeath the residue of my goods.

Witnesses. Adam Lyttleton, Joshua Ireland Geo: Holland, Rich: Holland, Elizabeth Jones.

Proved the 23d February 1621-2 by the executors named in the Will.

Will of Bryan Crowther of Knighton Co. Radnor, esquire, dated 20 January 1632-3. P.C.C. 25 Sadler.

I being grieved in body and of the age of 82 years do desire to be buried in the chancel of the parish Church of Knighton where I sit at my pew door. I give to John Marigould and David Meredith preachers of God's word 40*s* each and to the poor of Knighton 20*s* yearly for ever to be divided amongst them a week before Christmas to be paid out of my demesnes in Knighton besides 40*s* assured to the poor of the Almshouse. I give to the poor of Bedston 20*s* to the poor of Clonne 40*s* to the poor of Brompton Brian Bucknill and Stowe 20*s* each to the poor of Leintwardine and Presteigne 40*s* each, and to the poor of Heyop Hopton and Norton 20*s* each. I give my servant William Harding £10 to my godson Bryan Acton £60 to my servant Edward James £5 to my late servant Mary Dogan now wife to John Ralph 40*s* and to my late servant Jane Smith now wife to Bryan Powell 40*s* and to all my other servants 40*s* each. I forgive Ellinor Smith widow £17 which she owes me for rent I give to Elizabeth Bridgwater my kinswoman and late servant £20 and I forgive her father Thomas Bridgwater £13 which he owes me. I give my goddaughter Sara Crowther daughter of my cousin John Crowther £5. I give to my nephew Alexander Crowther for life all my messuages and lands in Brincalled in the respective tenures of Cornelius Passye Ralphe Blakewaye Hugh Powell Harry Smith Hugh Rusbach and William ap William ap Owen. I give to John Crowther son of the said Alexander £5 yearly for life for his schooling and bringing up to be paid out of my rents in the parish of Knighton (except my demesnes). I give to Jane widow of John Moris Gethin £4 13: 4 yearly out of a rent of £18 which William Cantrell pays me for the messuage which I purchased of the said John Morris in

Combgilla in Knighton. I forgive James Price of Menaughtye esq £5 which I lent him in the time of the Lord Gerrard to sue out his Commission of Deputy Lieutenant. I forgive John Bradshawe esq. £5 which he owes me. I give to Thomas Crowther son of my cousin Adam Crowther £20, and to William Hicks son of my cousin Thomas Hicks £5. I give to John, Bryan, Francis, Alice and William children of my servant John Weaver 40*s* each. To my cousin Thomas Crowther of Sparthford my gold signet ring. To my godsons John Hicks and Thomas Bridgwater 40*s* each. I bequeath to my executors my lands in Brincalled and elsewhere in Shropshire and Radnorshire to hold for four years after my death for the payment of my debts and legacies. Because my godson Bryan Crowther has married Alice daughter of Thomas Price of Brecknock esq I devise to them my mansion house in which I dwell and my farm called Lloynshaye and all my other demesne lands in Knighton for their lives with reversion to the heirs of the said Bryan in tail male and in default of such issue to John son of my nephew Alexander Crowther Thomas Crowther of Sparthford Thomas Crowther of Ludlow William Crowther of London mercer brother of the said Thomas Crowther Samuel Crowther son of John Crowther late of Ludlow Thomas Crowther son of Adam Crowther and Francis Crowther of Bishops Castle successively in tail male. I give all my plate books and household goods to my godson Bryan Crowther when he shall attain the age of 22. All my bedsteads chairs &c in my house shall remain there forever as heirlooms to such of my name as shall have my said house. I give my nephew Cresse Burton £10 & to each of his children £5. I give to the poor of the Almshouse of Ludlow 40*s*. I give my niece Damaris Mason widow daughter of my sister Anne Burton £5 and to my niece Ancilla Hockleton widow & to her son £10 each. I charge the said Bryan to see my Almshouse kept sufficiently repaired. I give my friend Francis Rickards 40*s* Roger Powell curate of Knighton 30*s* and Bryan Powell son of my sister Rose 40*s* yearly. I will that John Derby shall dwell in the Sheepcote during his life rent free. I desire that all my servants in my house or at the Loynshaye shall be maintained for one month after my death. I give my cousin Elizabeth Whichcott widow £10 for her painstaking with my godson Bryan Crowther. I bequeath to Richard Crowther of London £30 Mr John Maddocks knows him and where he lives. I give to mistress Peirson of Brompton 40*s*. Execs. my friend Thomas Price of Brecknock esquire and my godson Bryan Crowther. Overseers my friends Sir Walter Pye Knight and Edward Waties esq. Witnesses. Ralph Wollaston David Vaughan Morgan Watkins Ed. Winckbridge Jo: Maddocks John Crowther.

Proved 2 March 1634/5.

Will of Richard Crowther of Knighton Co. Radnor esquire dated 14 April 1677. P.C.C. 22 Reeves.

"Whereas by indenture quadrapartite dated 15 April 25 Charles II [A.D. 1673] my estate in Radnor and Shropshire is settled by which £500

only will come to my son Richard as my younger child therefore I now bequeath him £600 instead of the said £500 to be paid him at the age of 21.

I bequeath to James Beck esq £100 and to my nephew William Vaughan £30 towards his education and for placing him to a trade. I give to my godson Benjamin the son of John Edwards of Heath House gentleman £5.

I direct that both my sons shall be maintained and educated out of my estate and that they shall be brought up in the Protestant Religion as established in the Church of England.

I give John Cooper of Knighton dyer £10 I desire my father-in-law the said Mr Beck to see that my sons have breeding and education and that my will is performed Executrix. My wife [unnamed] Witnesses Jo: Edwards, Richard Hall.

Codicil, dated 18 Nov. 1677. I direct that my wife shall only have the tuition and guardianship of my children during her widowhood. If she shall die or re-marry I desire the said James Beck to be their guardian.

Witnesses Mich: Broughton Ira: Harris John Copper.

Proved on the 11th March 1677/8 by Anne Crowther relict and executrix.

The following extracts may relate to the OAKELEYS or not.

WILLIAM OCLE was one of the murderers of Edw. II.

Inquisition on Knights fees in the hundred of Bradeford held at Shrewsbury on Friday next after the Feast of the Purification 22 Edward III, in order to the assessment of an aid to Knight the King's eldest son (8 Feb. 1347/8).

"Item, dicunt quod Ricardus comes Arundellie et ROGERUS DE OCLEYE tenent Dalileye et Tibroghton [Dawley and Tibberton] pro j. feodo quod Alanus Pauntulf quondam tenuit de eadem baronia (baronia de Wemme)."

[*Feudal Aids,* vol. iv, p. 237. Hundred of Bradford 166/13 22 Edw. III, A.D. 1349.

[Also see Calendar of Inquisitions and Assessments relating to *Feudal Aids,* vol. iii, p. 237, Salop.]

"De domino de Arundell pro j. feodo in Dalyley et Tiburton quondam Ricardi Arundell et ROGERI OCLEYE, et tenetur de eadem baronia, non respondent quia in manu Regis . . . nihil (Baronia Walteri Lacy)."

[*Feudal Aids,* vol. iv, p. 249. 166/67 6 Henry VI, A.D .1428: assessment of 6*s.* 8*d.* on a Knight's fee.]

[Also see Calendar of Inquisitions and Assessments relating to *Feudal Aids,* vol. iii, p. 249, Salop.]

RICHARD DE OKELEGH, chaplain to William son of William Druri of Middlewich and Margery his wife: Grant of a messuage and two curtilages with a salt work in Middlewich, which the said Richard had

of the gift of the said William. Dated at Middlewich Tuesday after St. John before the Latin gate 1349.

[*The Ancestor*, vol. vi, Cheshire Deeds, cxxxii, p. 28.]

Inspeximus and confirmation with clause licet of special grace and with the consent of the council in favour of the Abbot and Convent of St. Werburge Chester of the following Charters: (3) letters patent whereby Edward Prince of Wales &c. of special grace pardoned the Abbot and Convent of St. Werburge, Chester their trespass committed in acquiring from Richard son of JOHN DE OKELEGH three messuages and four borates of land in Brumburgh and from Richard Hurel 4*s*. of yearly rent in Chester without licence to be held by them of the said Earl in chief.

[Dated at Chester 10 Sept. 27 Edw. III, A.D. 1378.]

[Calendar of Charter Rolls, vol. v, p. 249, 1378, July 7.]

A.D. 1300-1399.

NEWENT.

22 May 1300. Perambulations of the Forest of Dene, Co. Gloucester, made on the Sunday after the Ascension, 28 Edw. I.

JOHN DE OCLE is one of the jurors.

[Eccl. Commissioners, Hereford, Bishopric estates. Red Book referred to in Butterfield's Survey, folio 25.]

June 8, 1320. Commission of oyer and terminer on complaint to . . . by . . . that ADAM DE OCLE, juxta Nywent [OKLE Green is close by Newent], IVOR DE OCLE juxta Nywent broke house of the said Isabella, wife of whilst she was alone at Hen, Co. Somerset, took and carried her goods away, abducted her by night, and placed her across a horse, and, against her will conducted her to OCLE, by Newent, in the Forest of Dean, and detained her in prison.

[Patent Rolls, p. 485, No. 252.]

Dec. 11, 1323. Commission of oyer and terminer to John Inge on complaint by . . . that [here follow about 30 names] IVO DE OKLE, ADAM DE OKLE . . . assaulted him at Gloucester and broke the gates and doors of his houses at Bromesberwe, Yockeford, and Dunhampton, Co. Gloucester, cut down his trees, and carried them and other goods away.

[Patent Rolls, Ravensdal, p. 445.]

1334. Glouc: Margeria daughter of NICHOLAS DE OKELE *v.* John Chose. Rape and the King's peace broken.

[Hilary, 7 Edw. III, mem. 18, Coram Rege Roll.]

1311. HENRY DE OKELEGH, assaulted at Chedderworthen Co. Gloucester.

[Patent Rolls, p. 421.]

Dec. 1344. Release by JOHN DE OCLEE to Geoffrey de Caple and Cristina, his wife, of all his right in the land which Cicely de Caple holds

in the field called " le Weteland " in Newent parish. Thursday after the Conception 18 Edw. III.

[Calendar of Ancient Deeds, vol. iii, c 3309.]

July 28, 1341. JOHN OKLE acknowledgment [with others] of a debt to the merchants of the Bardi, to be levied in Co. Gloucester.

[Calendar of Close Rolls, various, 15 Edw. III, pt. 2, mem. 24d.]

Oct. 20, 1358. JOHN DE OKLE of Newent, verderer of the Forest of Dene deceased.

[Calendar of Close Rolls, various, 32 Edw. III, mem. 3.]

Ordination at Newent Mch. 1279. *Subdiaconi:* RICARDUS ACLE ad titulum patrimonii exhibitum. *Diaconi:* NICHOLAUS DE ACLE ad titulum prius exhibitum.

[P. 308, Register of Thomas de Cantilupe, Bishop of Hereford, 1275-1282.]

Feb. 4, 1347/8. Licence to JOANNA ATTE OCCLE to have mass celebrated in the oratory of her house at Newent.

[P. 102, Register of John de Trillek, B. of Her., 1344-1361.]

Dec. 14, 1311. JOHN DE OKELEYE, of Cheltenham.

[Patent Rolls, No. 250, p. 248.]

1630. WILLIAM OKELEY wrote an account of his escape to Majorca in a canvas boat with 6 others: he was bound for the Bahamas, under a Commission from the Earl of Warwick, Lord Saye, and L^{d}. Brook; but was taken prisoner by pirates to Algiers. Tablet in English church there.

[*Ebenezer*: printed in London 1675, 1684, 1764, and is in the Brit. Mus. Mentioned in *In the Sun with a Passport*, W. H. Trowbridge (Hurst and Blackett).]

One descent from William the Conqueror, &c.

1. WILLIAM the Conqueror, father of

2. PRINCESS GUNDRED, married William de Warrenne, Earl of Surrey; mother of

3. WILLIAM DE WARRENNE, 2nd Earl of Surrey, married Isabel daughter of Hugh, Earl of Vermandois. Father of

4. WILLIAM DE WARRENNE, 3rd Earl of Surrey, married Adela daughter of Earl of Shrewsbury; Father of

5. LADY ISABEL DE WARRENNE, married Hamelin Plantagenet, created Earl of Warren and Surrey: mother of

6. WILLIAM DE WARRENNE PLANTAGENET, 2nd Earl of Warren and Surrey married Maud, daughter of William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke: father of

7. JOHN DE WARRENNE PLANTAGENET, 3rd Earl married Alice le Brun: father of

8. WILLIAM DE WARRENNE PLANTAGENET (died in father's life time) married Joan daughter of the Earl of Oxford: father of

9. LADY ALICE DE WARRENNE PLANTAGENET, married Edmund Fitzalan, Earl of Arundel: mother of

10. RICHARD FITZALAN, 9th Earl of Arundel, married Isabel daughter of Hugh le Despencer: father of

11. LADY PHILIPPA FITZALAN, married Sir Richard Sergeaux, Kt.: mother of

12. ALICE SERGEAUX, married Richard de Vere, 11th Earl of Oxford: mother of

13. HON. ROBERT DE VERE, married Joane daughter of Sir Hugh Courtenay: father of

14. JOHN DE VERE, married the daughter of Walter Kilrington, Esq.: father of

15. JOHN DE VERE, 15th Earl of Oxford, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir E. Trussel, Kt.: father of

16. EDWARD DE VERE, 16th Earl of Oxford, married Anne, daughter of Sir William Cecil, Lord Burgley: father of

17. LADY ELIZABETH DE VERE, married William Stanley, 6th Earl of Derby: mother of

18. JAMES, 7th Earl of Derby, married Charlotte de la Tremouille, daughter of Duc de Thouars: father of

19. LADY AMELIA ANNE SOPHIA STANLEY, married John Murray, 1st Marquess of Athole: mother of

20. JOHN MURRAY, 1st Duke of Athole, married Catherine daughter of Anne and William, Duke and Duchess of Hamilton: father of

21. LORD GEORGE MURRAY, married Amelia, daughter of James Murray of Glencarse and Strowan: father of

22. JOHN MURRAY, 3rd Duke of Athole, married Charlotte daughter of the 2nd Duke of Athole: father of

23. RT. HON. AND REV. LORD CHARLES MURRAY-AYNSLEY (he took the name of Aynsley), married Alice, daughter of George Mitford, Esq.: father of

24. ATHOLE KETURAH MURRAY-AYNSLEY, married the Rev. Sir HERBERT OAKELEY, Bt. [p. 84].

By this line, CHARLES JOHN OAKELEY [p. 87] is

25th	in	descent	from	William the Conqueror.
13th	,,	,,	,,	Henry VII.
22nd	,,	,,	,,	,, III.
23rd	,,	,,	,,	Louis the VIIIth of France.
19th	,,	,,	,,	Robert the Bruce of Scotland.

KING HENRY VII married the Princess Elizabeth of York: their daughter

PRINCESS MARY TUDOR married Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk: their daughter

LADY ALIANOR (Eleanor) BRANDON, married Henry Clifford, Earl of Cumberland: mother of

LADY MARGARET CLIFFORD, who married Henry, 4th Earl of Derby: mother of

WILLIAM, 6th Earl of Derby (succeeded his brother), married Lady Elizabeth Vere (No. 17).

Notes. William de Warrenne was 1st cousin to the Conqueror, whom he accompanied to England. He was granted large tracts of land and created Earl of Surrey. His male line ended with the 3rd Earl, whose daughter, Lady Isabel, inherited the vast property. She was given in marriage to Hamelin Plantagenet (who was a natural brother of Henry II). This Hamelin was created Earl of Warren; and, on his marriage to Lady Isabel, he was also given her father's Earldom of Surrey.

No. 4. This Earl of Shrewsbury was the Norman "de Belesme" —not the Talbots, Earls of Shrewsbury.

No. 7. Alice le Brun was half-sister to Henry III, being the daughter of his mother, the Dowager Queen, by her 2nd marriage to Count le Brun.

No. 16. This Sir William Cecil was the famous Lord Burgley (or Burleigh) Lord Treasurer and favourite of Q. Eliz. He was the ancestor of the present Exeters and Salisburys.

No. 20. Anne, Duchess of Hamilton, was daughter and heiress of the 1st Duke, and was Duchess in her own right. She was a lineal descendant of the famous Robert le Bruce, King of Scotland.

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